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Abstract No.1/42, in triplicate, for the week

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Your most obedient servant,

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

.....District.

For week ending 3rd January 1942.

The following matters should be reported on :—

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 3rd January 1942.

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

PERSONNEL.

Bangalore City:

Messrs. H. Siddiah, K.T. Bhashyam and K. Pattabhiraman interviewed the Dewan on the 2nd January.

Mr.K.T. Bhashyam and a few others Congressmen are understood to interview Sir M. Visveswaraiah Ex-Dewan of Mysore and discuss with him the constructive programme of the Mysore Congress.

Mr. K. Hanumanthiah, President, City Municipal Council, intends to visit Madras and other places and study the Municipal administration in British India.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

The members of the Reception Committee of the ensuing Session of the Mysore Congress Convention have proposed to invite some prominent members of the Indian National Congress.

The Secretary of the Mysore Congress has issued circulars to all the District Congress Committees requesting the organisers to convene public meetings from the 2nd January in order to enrol members to the Congress.

The City Congressmen propose to put up a lady candidate for the vacancy in Basavanagudi Block caused by the resignation of Mr. Madhavaiengar to the City Municipal Council.

The organisers of the Mysore State Hindi Riyasat Prachar Sabha who have arranged for a Convocation, are understood to have invited Mr. Vinobha Bhave to preside over the function during the first week of January.

Hassan District:

The local Congressmen of Hassan intend taking Mr. H. Siddiah in procession in a car when he visits the place to lay the foundation stone of the Congress building on the 4th instant. Public meetings have also been arranged during the occasion.

CONFERENCES & PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Bangalore District:

Kodanda Pani, a congressman of Civil & Military Station, Bangalore, addressed a public meeting at Subramanya Ghati Jatra on the 26th December appealing to the people to abstain from 'drink'. He also stressed for communal unity, removal of untouchability and exhorted the people to join the Congress.

Shimoga District:

Mr. H. Siddiah addressed a public meeting at Chikgangoor (gathering about 300 persons) on 2/1/41 exhorting the audience to join the congress.

Chitaldrug District:

Messrs: S. Nijalingappa and S. Vasudeva Rao continued their propaganda tour in Challakere taluk during the week and convened public meetings at Naikanhatti, Sanikere, Hulikunte and other places exhorting the audience to join the congress. Mr. Nijalingappa appears to have advised the ryots to demand remission of land revenue due to bad crops.

They also visited Turuvanoor on 31-12-41 accompanied by Mr. Bhimappa Naik where a similar appeal was made to join the congress.

Kolar District:

Messrs: K. Sampangiramiah and G. Narayana Gowda addressed propaganda meetings at Sidlaghatta on the 24th December and at Chintamani on the 27th. The former presided over the meeting at Sidlaghatta and Mr. D. Venkatasamappa, at Chintamani. A resolution condemning the action of the Government in levying the Education Cess was passed at the latter meeting. The present political situation in Mysore and the ideals of the Congress were explained to the audience.

Kolar Gold Field:

Mr. Sampangiramiah and Narayana Gowda similarly addressed public meetings at Bowringpet on 31-12-41 and at Sulikunte and Madamangala on 1-1-42 (gathering about 50 to 60). Mr. Chika Siddappa of Bowringpet presided over these meetings.

HINDU MAHASABHA

At a public meeting held under the auspices of the Mysore State Hindu Mahasabha at Shimoga on 25-12-41, Messrs: Bhoopalam Chandrasekhara Setti of Shimoga, A. R. Mahantiah and Rama Rao of Tumkur criticised the action of the Bihar Government in banning the Session of the All India Hindu Mahasabha and arresting prominent Hindu leaders at Bhagalpur.

Earlier, the Executive Committee had met at Shimoga with Mr. Vajapeyam Venkatesiah as President and passed certain resolutions in the same connection.

A similar public meeting was held at Nyamathi on the 25th at which Messrs: Venkatesiah, Mahantiah and Rama Rao spoke exhorting the audience to join the Sabha and adopted a similar resolution as at Shimoga.

LABOUR

Bangalore City:

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam interviewed the Management of the Binny's Mills on the 26th and 30th December 1941 regarding the reinstatement of the six dismissed employees. The result is not known.

Printed pamphlets have been distributed by the Management of the Binny's Mills reiterating their decision that the next half-yearly bonus shall be paid on the basis of the dividend.

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam intends to visit Madras to acquaint Mr. V.V. Giri, former Minister for Labour in the Government of Madras, of the activities of Mr. T. Ramachandra in Kolar Gold Field.

A meeting of the workers of the Bangalore Press Association has been called for on the 6th instant to discuss the payment of dearness allowances, which the Management had announced at the rate of Re. 1/- a month.

Shimoga District:

Mr. Victor Menzies and other members of the Labour Union at Bhadravathi are pressing for the reinstatement of Deshikan and Siddoji Rao, two dismissed employees of the Iron & Steel Works.

Mr. Victor accompanied by S.L. Krishna, visited Bangalore to interview the Minister for Law and the Labour Commissioner in the same connection.

Earlier on the 28th December 1941, Mr. Victor, Badarayan, S.L.Krishna, Fernandez, Rama Rao, Balaji Singh, Subramanya Pillai, Javara, Deshikan and other members of the Executive Committee with about 500 labourers interviewed the Chairman. Next day, Mr. Victor and a few others interviewed the General Manager who is said to have replied that their cases cannot be considered.

Mr. Bhoopalam Chandrasekhara Setty of Shimoga is reported to have interviewed the General Manager in the same connection. Mr. M.C. Linge Gowda, Vice-President, Mysore Legislative Council, also visited Bhadravathi and advised the Gangadikar Vokkaligara labourers not to have recourse to strike but to co-operate with the authorities.

A section of the labourers are said to be not satisfied with the present concessions granted to them. There appears to be a talk among the labourers that in case Deshikan and Siddoji Rao are not re-instated, there would be a strike. The situation is, however, quiet.

Kolar Gold Field:

Messrs: N.C. Thimma Reddi and T. Ramachandra are canvassing votes for the election of members of their respective parties to the Nandidroog Labour Union.

It is understood that a congressman named Mahimanathan was sent to Madras by Messrs: K. Changalaraya Reddi, and N.C.Thimma Reddi to meet Mr. V.V. Giri and seek his help in the forthcoming elections to the Labour Unions at Kolar Gold Field but was unable to meet Mr. Giri who had gone to Bezwada.

Messrs: N.C. Thimma Reddi, Badarayan and Vasudeva Reddy of Chitaldrug, Ramachandra Rao of Hassan and Rama Doss of Bangalore visited Kolar Gold Field on 25-12-41 and canvassed votes in favour of Mr. Thimma Reddi for the Nandidroog Mine. The opposite party (labour party) expressed that they had decided to vote for Mr. Acharya.

Jayamukthuraj and Subba Rao also visited Kolar Gold Field with printed handbills signed by Mr. Bhashyam appealing to the workers to vote for Mr. Thimma Reddi, but it is learnt that some persons of the labour party who was entrusted to carry the bundle of notices ran away with it and could not be found.

The congressminded labourers could not canvass in favour of Mr. Thimma Reddi as the labour party also carried on counter propaganda. Complaints of assaults were filed by members of both parties. Mr. Thimma Reddi who had returned to Bangalore complaining that the local Police at Kolar Gold Field did not give adequate protection for canvassing votes, returned to K.G.F. on 29-12-41. Thangavelu Mudaliyar and others joined in canvassing votes for him. To prevent an open clash owing to the interference of other Mine labourers in Nandidroog Mine, Mr. Thimma Reddy was advised not to enlist the help of other mine-labourers, who were similarly advised not to interfere or be violent.

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To prevent a breach of peace, orders were passed by the District Magistrate, Kolar, against the marginally noted persons under section 144 Cr. P.C. prohibiting them from entering the Oorgaum and Nandidroog Mine areas for a period of 15 days from the 2nd January.

Mahimanathan and 11 others

The elections are to come off in the Nandidroog and Oorgaum Mines on the 4th and the 11th instant respectively.

RELIGIOUS

The Hindus of Doddapet in Davanagere have erected a wooden structure with zinc sheet roofing on the vacant site adjoining the house of Sathar Khan, referred to in S.B.A.51/41, page 307-308. The construction is said to be unauthorised and it is further learnt that a dispute exists regarding the ownership of the site between Sathar Khan and his brother.

The caste Hindus of Harihar have proposed to celebrate Grama Devata Festival from the 6th January for which an application for a license has been filed by the parties before the Amildar. Hemagiriappa, Subbanna and some others are said to be the leaders. There was a preliminary procession of the deity on the night of 28-12-41 when it passed behind the Kumbarageri old mosque.

On the 29th December 1941, a printed memorial signed by Mr. Mohamud Shariff, President - All Mysore State Muslim League, appears to have been sent to the General Secretary to Government condemning the policy of the Government and the local officers in shifting the old Kumbarageri mosque and allowing processions with music to pass before the old mosque.

MISCELLANEOUS

Shimoga District:

The Shanbhogues of the District have arranged for a District Conference to be held in Sorab during this month. Mr. C. Narasimhaiah, advocate and M.L.C., Mysore, is expected to preside, and the Deputy Commissioner to ppen the Conference.

The members of the Managing Committee of the Public Hostel at Sorab had invited Mr. Nesvi, congressman of Dharwar and K.P. Patel of Byadgi to participate in the opening ceremony of the Hostel on the 31st December 1941.

PROHIBITORY ORDERS

Shimoga District:

To prevent breach of the peace, the Special First Class Magistrate, Shimoga, promulgated an order under section 144 Cr. P.C. against Khaji Syed Fakruddin, Ex-Pesh Imam of Jumma Masjid, Shimoga, prohibiting him from ascending the pulpit and reciting prayers on Bakrid Day (29-12-41) in view of opposition of the Muslim public of Shimoga.

VISITORS

Mr. KARTA of the All India Spinners' Association who has come to Bangalore accompanied by Mr. K.A. Venkataramiah to audit the accounts of the local Khadi Vasthralaya, advised the Mysore Congressmen to work for Harijan upplift and sought the permission of Mr. K. Hanumanthiah (Secretary of the Reception Committee of the ensuing Congress Convention) to correspond with the various Khadi Centres in India to procure exhibits for the Khadi Exhibition to be held at the Convention. He is reported to have also addressed a public meeting at Chikmagalur on the 29th ultimo on Khadi propaganda.

HIS EXCELLENCY EBRAHIM GHAVAM an Iranian and President of Aeronautic Club of Iran, is reported to be staying at the West End Hotel with his wife HER EXCELLENCY MADAME MAHIM DOKHTE GHAVAM. They are reported to have come to India on a pleasure trip.

EXTERNEES.

Kannan of the Minerva Mills who is ~~xk~~ learnt to have met Lingiah (externee from Bangalore District) at Mandya appears to have been informed by the latter that he has decided to visit Bangalore in defiance of the prohibitory orders and take the consequences.

Krishna Bhatta who was stopping in Tarikere and Ramachandra Setty, externees from Shimoga District are reported to have arrived in Hassan to attend the functions connected with the Mysore Congress on the 3rd and 4th instant. The former is reported to have also visited Tumkur on the 30th December and left for Arasikere the same night.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,
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Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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Rajasevaprasakta
B.T.Kesavaienger. Esq.B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, in duplicate, a brief note on the Agricultural situation in the State during the week ending 2nd January 1942.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

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Special Report on the Agricultural situation in the Mysore State for the week ending 2nd January 1942.

Rainfall:- There was no rainfall in any district during the week

Agricultural operations- Lands are being prepared in Hiriyur taluk for summer Paddy cultivation and Thadi crops. Potatoes in Devanhalli, Vaishabhi Paddy in Sira, Kadale in Sira, Tiptur and Kortagere, Sugarcane in Mandya and Maddur are being sown.

Standing crops :- The standing crops are in good condition. But in parts of Tiptur and Jagalur taluks, the crops are showing signs of withering. Certain dry crops in Kadur and Tarikere taluks are reported to have been very much affected for want of rain at the proper time.

Harvest:- Horsegram, Paddy, Sugarcane, Groundnut, Ragi, Same, Potet Tobacco, Jola, Hareka, Castor, Thogari Coffee, Cardamum, Bengal-gram, Areca, Coriander, Navane, Sajje and green gram are being harvested.

Pasture and fodder. These are available in all parts of the St

Condition of cattle. Cattle are generally healthy except for certain cattle diseases in parts of Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur, Shimog and Chitaldrug districts. Needful preventive measures are report to have been adopted.

Markets supply of food grains. Markets are well supplied, prices of essential food stuffs are being controlled.

Condition of Labouring classes.

Labour to cooly classes is generally available.

General:- The agricultural situation is generally satisfactory.

Revenue Commissioner.

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E. G. B. PEEL, Esq., C.I.E.,
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BANGALORE

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I enclose for the information of Governme
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Rajasevaprasaktha
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore
Bangalore.

THE POLITICAL WEEKLY REPORT.

(For week ending January 10, 1 9 4 2.)

CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress which met at Hassan on the 5th instant considered the attitude the State Congress should adopt in respect of A.R.P. measures sponsored by the Government and decided to defer the question till the issue was finally settled by the All India Congress Committee which will meet at Wardha on the 15th January 1942.

Messrs: H. Siddiah, K. Pattabhiraman, K. Changalaraya Reddi and others intend to go to Wardha on the 15th January to attend the deliberations of the All India Congress Committee.

The President and a few members of the Working Committee of the Mysore Congress met Sir M. Visveswarayya at his residence and sought his advice in implementing their Constructive Programme.

LABOUR.

Bangalore City:

The workers of the Woollen and Weaving Sections of Binny's Mills who were asked to work for 10 hours daily in view of heavy demands are reported to have refused to work overtime.

The workers of the Mysore Mills have elected Messrs: W.H. Hanumanthappa and K.S. Kumaran (externed from the Bangalore and Shimoga Districts) as President and Secretary respectively of their Labour

Labour Association.

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The Executive Committee of the Labour Union at Bhadravathi which met on 5-1-42 with Mr. Victor Menzies as President, passed a resolution declaring that no final agreement had yet been reached between the workers and the authorities of the Iron and Steel Works. They passed another resolution to the effect that the punishment of dismissal awarded to Siddoji Rao and Deshikan - former employees of the Iron and Steel Works, was too severe and that they should be re-instated.

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Apprehending a breach of the peace in connection with the elections to the Nandidroog Labour Union, the District Magistrate of Kolar passed an order under Section 144 Cr.P.C. banning the entry of Mahimanathan and 11 other employees of the Champion Reef Mine into the Oorgaum and Nandidroog Mining areas for a period of 15 days.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A branch of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangha (Nagpur) has been opened at Bhadravathi with 15 - 20

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Middle School named Ganapathi gives them drill in
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Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangha at Bangalore is sti
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(Congress Movement.)

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Dr.(Miss) Kamala Ramachandriah is ~~not~~ up as a Congress candidate for the ensuing unicipal bye-election for the Basavanagudi Division.

assan District:

The 'Foundation Stone' for the Congress uilding at Hassan was laid by Mr. H. Siddiah on the th instant. The Mysore and Congress flags were oisted on the occasion - the former by Mr. Siddiah nd the latter by Mr. Bhashyam. Both of them ade short speeches on the significance of each lag. Mr. Siddiah after replying to the address resented by Mr. K. Panchakshariah paid a tribute o the donor, Srimathi Parvathamma. A sum of about s.5350/- has been promised towards the construction f the building, while about Rs.443/- were collected n the spot.

himoga District:

The District Congress Committee have roposed to undertake a propaganda tour in the District for enrolment of members to the Congress. Messrs. K.G. Wadeyar, Karisiddappa, K.R. Madhava Rao, .S. Rudrappa and S.V. Krishna Murthi are understood to form the party.

In consultation with Mr. H. Siddiah the congress party in the Town Municipal Council, himoga, intend putting up a Congress candidate to ontest the presidentship of Town Municipality.

hitaldrug District:

The District Congress Committee with Messrs. S. Nijalingappa, S. Vasudeva Rao, A. Bhimappa Naik and a few others met at the Congress Office, hitaldrug, on the 2nd instant and decided to invite Mr. Siddiah to undertake a propaganda tour in the District from the 20th January and present him with

with a purse. They also discussed that the Congress members should not participate in the public functions arranged during the visit of Government Officers. They ~~have~~ also expressed sympathy and appreciated the sacrifices made by L. Bhimakumar.

In connection with the enrolment of members to the Congress in Chitaldrug Town, some people of Reddi community are learnt to have expressed before Messrs. S. Nijalingappa, S. Rangappa and others that they will not co-operate unless the Congress settled their differences with Messrs. M. Govinda Reddi and K. Kenchappa.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

~~[illegible]~~ Hassan District.

Mr. Siddiah presiding, a public meeting was held at Hassan on the 4th instant attended by about 200 persons. Messrs. Malavalli Virappa, T. Subramanyam, Rangaramia and H. Siddiah who spoke to the gathering among other matt-ers criticised the officers for the alleged tampering of ballot boxes, appointment of non-official ministers, Viduraswatha incident, prohibitory orders, so called high salaries, extravagant expenditure, levy of cesses and other allied matters.

Tumkur District:

At a Congress meeting held at Kortagere on the 2nd instant Messrs. T. Subramanya and R.S. Aradhya spoke to the gathering (about 50) on constructive programme of work, encouraging Khadder and other allied matters and exhorted them to join the congress.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

Mr. Bhashyam has issued a statement to the Press regarding the result of elections at K.G.F. characterising the same as full of irr-egularities and illegalities, etc., Mr. K.P. Srinivasan, Publicity Officer, Textile Labour Union, has also issued a similar statement criticising the elections.

The question of re-instatement of the six dismissed workers of the Binny's Mills is learnt to have been referred to the Madras Head Office by the Management. The workers of the Woollen and Weaving Sections who were asked to work for ten hours daily in view of heavy demands are reported to have refused to work overtime. The Executive Committee which is expected to meet on the 11th instant will take up this question for consideration.

The workers of the Mysore Mills have elected Messrs. W.H. Hanumanthappa - President, C. Muniswamy - Treasurer, Vadivelu - Asst. Secretary and some others - members.

At a meeting of the workers of the Bangalore Press on the 2nd instant, Mr. K.T. Bhashyam among other matt-ers advised them to press their claims

for the grant of enhanced rate of dearness allowance through their Association and not to receive the same at the present sanctioned rate of Re.1/-. Mr. Kesaviengar, President of the Association also participated in the proceedings.

Mr. Bhashyam presided over a public meeting of the workers of Binny's Mills on the 6th instant and addressed the gathering (about 3 to 4 hundred) regarding their demands including the one pertaining to the re-instatement of the 6 dismissed hands and exhorted them to strengthen the Association. Messrs. K. Sampangiramiah and H.K. Viranna Gowda also spoke to the gathering on similar lines.

The workers of Muddiah Silk Throwing Factory are on strike since the morning of the 4th instant. The management had announced that the work in the factory would be conducted by batches and that the workmen should attend on alternate days on the ground that there was no demand for yarn. Some of the workers had since interviewed the Labour Commissioner and Mr. Bhashyam. Only about a dozen workers are said to be working at present.

Shimoga District:

Mr. Victor, President of the Iron Works Labour Union, Bhadravathi, visited Bangalore to interview the Minister for Law in connection with the dismissal of Deshikan and Siddoji Rao, but returned disappointed. There was a strong rumour that on account of this there would be a strike on the 5th instant, but nothing happened.

The same day, the Executive Committee of the above union which met with Mr. Victor Menzies as President, passed a resolution stating that no agreement had yet been reached between the workers and the authorities. They passed another resolution to the effect that the punishment of dismissal awarded to Siddoji Rao and Deshikan was too severe and that they should be reinstated. The Committee decided to send the resolutions to the Government and wait for the result before deciding the future course of action.

Jayaram, Seshagiri Shastri and a few others are learnt to be inciting the labourers. Deshikan and Siddoji Rao have been served with notices to vacate their quarters within 15 days from the 5th instant.

Kolar Gold Field:

Vigorous canvassing in favour of the candidature of either party for the Nandidroog Mine Labour Union (Labour & Congress) continued till the 4th instant and the Police prevented clashes. There were however cases of stone throwing on both the parties near the New Oriental Lines and the Police separated both of them. One Daniel, a school master, Weslyan Mission, Champion Reef and another boy, Guran alias Guruswamy who insulted Messrs. Acharya and Ramji were warned not to interfere.

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The other office bearers are Kanakan, Vice-president (un-opposed), Kutti Krishna Nair - Asst. Secretary, and Devadoss - Treasurer, committee members have been elected from the Surface Engineering, Sanitary Engineering and 12 other departments of the Mines.

PROHIBITORY ORDERS.

Kolar Gold Field:

Apprehending a breach of the peace in connection with the elections to the Nandidroog Labour Union, the District Magistrate of Kolar passed an order under section 144 Cr.P.C. banning the entry of Mahimanathan and 11 other employees of the Champion Reef Mine into the Oorgaum and Nandidroog Mining areas for a period of 15 days.

RELIGIOUS.

Chitaldrug District:

Abdul Rashid of Harihar is learnt to have consulted ~~with~~ the Nawab of Savanur regarding the retention of the Old Kumbargeri Mosque of Harihar and that the latter promised to address the Government of Mysore in the matter.

On the ~~xxxxx~~ 2nd instant Abdul Rashid sent telegrams to the Dewan, Minister for Law, Revenue Commissioner and President, Muslim League to the following effect:-

" LOCAL AUTHORITIES ENCOURAGED MARI JATRA PROBABLY 6TH PROBABILITY DISTURBANCE BY TRAMPLING LEGAL RIGHTS AND CUSTOMS MUSLIMS PRAY REDRESS."

The Grama Devata Festival concluded on the 7th instant but the procession was not taken on the road behind the Kumbargeri Mosque.

Abdul Rashid and his party appear to have refused to part with the bier of Halladakeri Mosque to carry the dead body of a Muslim female of Abdul Rubb's party. A new bier was therefore got and the body buried under Police escort.

Preventive action is proposed to be taken against Abdul Rashid and his party on account of their objectionable activities.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bangalore District:

The writing on the black-board hung up on the pial of Muguvalappa's shop at Doddaballapur still

continues. Matters relating to the collection of Municipal toll by the Municipality, putting off electric lights on the 4th instant and the alleged collection of money by the Amildar towards the War Fund by force, etc., were found written on the board during the week.

RASHTRIYA SWAYAM SEVAK SANGHA.

Shimoga District:

A branch of the above Sangha (Nagpur) has been opened at Bhadravathi with 15 to 20 members. A student of the New Town Middle School named Ganapathi gives them drill instructions daily. Their activities are being watched.

Bangalore City:

Mr. Yeswant Telang alias Tatya the organiser of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangha at Bangalore is still training volunteers in drill and the District Magistrate has been addressed to obtain an order from Government for his deportation as an undesirable foreigner.

EXTERNEES.

B. Krishna Bhatta and K.S. Ramachandra Setti (externees) who visited Hassan during the week returned to Tarikere. The former is staying with Mr. T.C. Basappa and the latter with his father-in-law, Mr. Subramanya Setti. Jayaram, a dismissed worker of the Paper Mills, Bhadravathi, and Seshagiri Sastri, Secretary of the Labour Union, Mysore Paper Mills, had talks with these externees during the week on the labour situation in Bhadravathi and other allied matters. The externees are reported to be frequenting the Railway Station at Tarikere obviously to meet and exchange views on labour matters with those who arrive there by trains. M.A. Murthi (another externee) reported to have also arrived in Tarikere on the 6th instant and staying in the Railway Station Hotel.

Bangalore,
D:12-1-42.

U.K. SOMAPPA,
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

MRK.

No. 2493/CB

EO:/

16th January 42

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Sir Charles Todhunter,

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the State received from the several Districts for the week ending Saturday the 10th January 1942.

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

SECRET.

D. O. No. 6/41-42/S.B.
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E. G. B. PEEL, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

BANGALORE

CB jms 19.1.42

Dated January 17, 1942.

My dear Kesavaiengar,

I enclose for the information of Government, the Political Weekly Report, in duplicate, for the week ending Saturday, the 17th January 1942.

Yours sincerely,
E. G. B. Peel

Rajasevaprasaktha
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore
Bangalore.

THE POLITICAL WEEKLY REPORT.

(For week ending Saturday, the 17th January 1942.)

CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

Bangalore City:

In pursuance of a circular issued by the Mysore State Congress, the Bangalore City Congress Committee has launched a campaign to recruit more members for the Congress Party. About 300 workers of the T.R. Mills and Sri Rama Silk Throwing Factory have so far been enrolled.

LABOUR.

Bangalore City:

At a public meeting held on the 12th instant Mr. K.T. Bhashyam advised the workers of the Mysore Mills to strengthen their Union and to press their demands constitutionally. He also asked them to take suitable precautions to avert the dangers of possible air raids.

Ramalingam, the newly elected Secretary of the Binny Mills Labour Union, intends to edit and publish a Tamil Weekly called " TOLILALI " (Labourer).

The weavers of Cubbonpet met on the 8th instant to consider the situation arising out of the rise in prices of yarn and the consequent un-employment among them. Mr. B.M. Seenappa, a Congressman, advised them to approach the Weavers' Association, the Government and the City Municipality for assistance.

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It is reported that A.T. Lakshmana Mudaliyar (externed from K.G.F.) left Kuppam for Arcot and C.B. Monniah (externed from the Mysore State) for Coorg on the 9th instant.

Printed notices in Tamil have been distributed by the Oorgaum Mine Labour Committee asserting that the activities of the Mysore Congress leaders are not in accordance with the principles of Truth and Non-violence.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bangalore City:

Under Section 32 of the Mysore Public Security Act, the Government have ordered the externment from Mysore State of Yeshwant Telang alias Tataiya who has been organising branches of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangha in the State.

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INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.

Bangalore,)
D:17-1-42.)

MRK.

No. 253/CB
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20th January 42

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My Dear Macann,

I am desired to forward herewith a weekly report relating to the political events in the State for the week ending Saturday, the 17th January 1942.

Yrs
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Major A.E.H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

er.W.3.23/41-42 OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE.

Bangalore, dated....19th January....194 2

Rukn-ul-Mulk
S. ABDUL WAJID, Esq., B.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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SECRETARY. JAN. 19 OF MYSORE.

Rajasevaprasakta
Chief

B.T.Kesavaienger, Esq. B.A.,
Secretary to Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
.....Department, Bangalore.

Subject:—

I have the honour to forward herewith, in duplicate, ef note on the Agricultural situation in the State g the week ending 16th January 1942.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

Special Report on the Agricultural situation in the Mysore State during the week ending 16th January 1942.

Rainfall:- There was no rainfall during the week.

Agricultural operations:- There were no agricultural operations in any District during the week except the sowing of Paddy in Chintamani and Pavagada, Vaishakhi Paddy and Bengalgram in Sira and Sugarcane in Mandya taluk Preparation of lands for summer Paddy cultivation and thadi crops is stated to be still in progress in Hiriyur taluk.

Standing crops:- The Standing crops are reported to be in good condition. In some parts of Jagalur taluk they are stated to have shown signs of withering for want of sufficient rainfall.

Harvests. Paddy, Horsegram, Sugarcane, Tobacco, Groundnut Potatoes, Haraka, Ragi, Jola, Avare, Castor, Thogari, Chillies Cotton, Bengalgram, Areca, Coffee, Green-gram and Navane ar being harvested.

Pasture & Fodder:- These are available in all parts of tl State.

Condition of Cattle:- Cattle are reported to be generall healthy except for certain Cattle diseases in parts of Tumkur, Hassan and Kadur Districts. Needful preventive measures are stated to have been adopted.

Markets- Supply of food-grains. Markets are well suppl The prices of essential food stuffs are being controlled.

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Form No. 24]

MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
21 JAN 1942
NO 6289

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

Received ..... *Registered* .....

From (Name) U.K. Somappa, Esq., B.A.,

(Designation) Superintendent of Police, Special Branch in Mysore,

Post Box....., (STATION) ..... Bangalore.

Telegraphic Address .....

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To

Rajasevaprasaktha
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

dated Jan. 19, *1942*.

SUBJECT.

Special Branch Abstract No.3/42 dated the 19th January 1942 received from the Superintendent of Police, Special Branch, for the week ending Saturday the 17th January 1942.

Submitted for perusal.

Dewan.

Finance and Revenue Minister.

Law Minister.

Education Minister.

Local Self-Govt. and Public Health Minister.

I have the honour to submit herewith ...ion of Government, the Special ... No. S.B.A. 3/42, in triplicate, ...ing Saturday, the 17th January 1942.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

K. K. Somappa.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
Special Branch in Mysore.

Secret.

MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

.....District.

For week ending.....17-1-1942.....

The following matters should be reported on :—

(*a*) Political.
(*b*) Social and Economic.
(*c*) Religious.
(*d*) Government Officers.
(*e*) Foreigners.
(*f*) Press.
(*g*) Agrarian unrest.
(*h*) Proscribed literature.
(*i*) Drama and Cinemas.
(*j*) Smuggling.
(*k*) Miscellaneous.

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District Superintendent of Police.
Special Branch in Mysore.

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SECRET.

S.B.A.No.3/42.

Special Branch Abstract for the week ending - Saturday, the 17th January 1942.

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

PERSONNEL.

Bangalore City:

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam is reported to be trying to get support for Mr. T. Subramanyam for the next presidentship of the Mysore Congress. There appears to be a counter move from Mr. Siddiah to support Mr. S. Nijalingappa of Chitaldrug District.

Messrs. Veeranna Gowda and N.C. Thimma Reddi are reported to be trying for the post of the General Secretary of the Mysore Congress.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

The Bangalore City Municipal Council which met on the 15th instant passed a resolution to present an address to H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore on the 19th instant. After some discussion, the Councillors decided to appear in the prescribed Durbar dress.

The City Congress Committee which met on the 12th instant with Mr. Bashyam as President discussed the election propaganda to be carried on in connection with the candidature of Miss. Kamala Ramachandriah to the Bangalore City Municipal Council. Mr. K.T. Bhashyam has been placed in charge of Press Publicity, Mr. Shamaraja Iyengar in charge of canvassing batches, Mr. V.S. Narayana Rao to draft Election manifestos, and Messrs. Gundenahalli Nanjappa and Ramalal Thivari for organising public meetings in Basavangudi area.

In pursuance of a circular issued by the Mysore Congress, the Bangalore City Congress Committee has launched a campaign to recruit more members to the Congress. About 300 workers of the T.R. Mills and Sri Rama Silk Throwing Factory are said to have been enlisted so far.

Bangalore District:

It is understood that Mr. B.M. Seenappa, Secretary of the Bangalore District Congress Committee visited Bannikuppe, Anjanpur and other villages in Closepet taluk and enlisted members to the Congress.

Chitaldrug District:

Messrs. S. Nijalingappa and S. Vasudeva Rao visited Molakalmuru on 10-1-1942 and made arrangements to enlist more members to the Congress and for a tour of Mr. H. Siddiah in the District.

On the promise made by the local congressites of Chitaldrug to help the National Middle School at Rangapura, which is under the management of Mr. M. Govinda Reddi, Kotre Nanjappa visited Chitaldrug on 10-1-1942 and remained there for about 3 days collecting funds for the said school. This move is said to be to bring about a compromise between Messrs. Govinda Reddi and Kenchappa and others Congressmen of the District.

Shimoga District:

Messrs. S.R. Nagappa Setti, K.G.Vodeyar and Kodidal Manjappa of the District Congress Committee, visited Thirthahalli and Sagar and enrolled members to the Congress.

The local Congress has filed the nomination papers of the candidates who intend contesting the post of the President of the Shimoga Town Municipality on Congress ticket. The following are the Congress candidates:

1) R.K. Jayathirthachar, 2) Kuduvalli Ramaswami, 3) Kerodi Krishnamoorthy, 4) C. Ramaswami Setti, 5) G.C. Mahalingappa and 6) Narasimha Kamath.

The following four independent candidates have also contested the same post:

1) Khaji Abdul Sattar, 2) V.S. Thirupaliah, 3) N. Srikantiah & 4) H.K.N. Acharya.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Hassan District:

At a meeting of the District Congress Committee held on 12-1-1942 Messrs. A.G. Ramachandra Rao, B.N. Boranna Gowda, R.S. Gundu Rao and others discussed the question of raising subscription for the congress building at Hassan and resolved to collect subscriptions in all the Taluks Mr. Narasanna of Chennarayapatna taluk was elected as treasurer of the fund.

Kadur District:

The District Congress Committee held a private meeting at Chickmagalur on the 11th January and formed a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. C.V. Dhruva Rao, B. Deva Gowda and Basappa Setti to take measures to enrol more members to the Congress. They passed a resolution to request the Congress President to tour in the District during next month.

Tumkur District:

At a public meeting held on 7-1-42 at Tiptur, Lakshmi Kantha Bhima Kumar, a Congressite of Chitaldrug (recently released from Yerrawada Jail on 23-12-41) and S.R. Mallappa of Tiptur delivered speeches on responsible Government and appealed to the gathering to become Congress members to encourage spinning and Khadi and to carry out the Constructive programme.

HARIJAN CONFERENCE.

Tumkur District:

The District Harijan Conference held on 11-1-1942 at Voddarahatti, Tumkur taluk, with Mr. N. Chennappa (District Board President) as President, passed the following resolutions:

1) To take measures for the upliftment of Harijans particularly by means of agitation and requesting the Sanathanists and the upper Caste Hindus;

2) To gain entry into Temples;

3) To get equality of treatment from the upper class people.

4) To get caste restrictions removed - particularly the prohibition imposed on Harijans to use public wells.

5) To request the Government to set aside the sale orders of the Gundagal village Co-operative Society on the free lands granted to Harijans ~~Students in Schools~~ by the Government.

6) Exempting the Harijan students in Schools from Sport fees.

The local Congress leaders - Messrs: T. Subramanyam, Mali Mariappa, B.C. Nanjundiah, Neelakanta Rao, S.V. Achar, M.V, Rama Rao, T. Hanumanthiah and Adirajiah of Harthi village, Magadi taluk (Bangalore District) attended the conference.

LABOUR.

Bangalore City:

Messrs. Puttashamkarappa and Ramalingam, the newly elected Secretary of Binny's Mills addressed a meeting of the workers of the Sri Rama Silk Throwing Factory on the 8th instant and explained to them, the necessity of having their Association registered under the New Labour Act.

At a meeting of the members of the Mysore Mills Labour Association held on the 12th instant, Mr. K.T. Bhashyam advised them to strengthen their Union and to press for their demands constitutionally. He also asked them to take suitable precautions to prevent dangers from possible Air Raids.

Mr. Ramalingam, the newly elected Secretary of Binny Mills Labour Association has proposed to edit a Tamil Weekly called " TOLILALI " (Labourer).

The Assistant Labour Commissioner visited Muddiah's Silk Throwing Factory on the 8th instant and had talked with the Proprietor on the lock-out situation. It appears the former told the latter that sufficient notice had not been given to the workers before declaring a lock-out. He is also said to have assured the workers that their association would be registered, even though their strength was less than 100.

One Armugam who was found using indecent language near the factory on the 8th instant was prosecuted under Section 56 (c) of the Mysore Police Act and fined Rs.2/- by the Benches of Magistrates, Bangalore, in C.C. No.664/41-42 dated 8-1-42.

The weavers of Cubbonpet met on the 8th instant and considered the situation arising out of the rise in prices of yarns and the consequent un-employment among them. Mr. B.M. Seenappa, a congressman, advised them to approach the Weavers' Association, the Government and the City Municipality for redress.

Mysore District:

On 11-1-1942, under the auspices of the Association of workers of Sri Krishnarajendra Mills, a few workers assembled in the premises of the Association where Mr. T. Mariappa (President) and Mr. Krishna Moorthy (Secretary) were present. It is learnt that they had discussions regarding the increase of wages, and dearness allowance and resolved to request the Chairman of the Mills for sanction of increase in wages and Dearness allowance as is being paid to the workers at Bangalore.

Shimoga District:

On the evening of 13-1-1942, Messrs: S.L. Krishna, Victor, Rama Rao, Balaji Singh and other executive committee members of the Labour Union at Bhadravathi met the Labour Commissioner and had discussions regarding moving the arbitration court, to settle their differences. The Labour Commissioner is said to have advised them not to have recourse to arbitration as it involves expenditure and extra cost for them.

Kolar Gold Field:

The Labour Assistant Commissioner, Kolar Gold Field, is said to have told Chengalraya Reddi that the list of nominations papers filed by them in connection with the election of office-bearers to Champion Reef Labour Association was irregular and the committee so elected would not be a representative body as required by the Rules. It is understood that the persons selected for the committee was entirely drawn from the Surface workers and there were no representatives of underground Labour. The number of people proposed was met in accordance with that fixed by the Labour Assistant Commissioner for each Department. He has therefore decided to publish a fresh calendar of events for filing fresh nominations and holding re-elections if necessary.

On 9-1-42 printed notices in Tamil were distributed by the Oorgaum Mine Labour Committee members criticising the action of M.C. Perumal, and the Mysore Congress leaders, as not following Truth and Non-violence.

It is ascertained that the nomination papers together with voters list have been filed on the 8th instant for the Brick and Tile factory, Marikuppam, proposing Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar of of Kuppam as the President of the Association. K.C. Phillips is said to be responsible to some extent for this proposal. Messrs. Sharma and Acharya are seriously thinking of putting up their candidates for the post of the President of the said association. In the elections held on 11-1-1942 Messrs: T. Ramachandra and Gangadharan have been elected President and Secretary respectively of the Oorgaum Mine Labour Association. Messrs. Jayemuthuraju and Madhurai, the congress rival candidates secured 860 and 846 votes as against 883 and 888 votes polled by Messrs. T. Ramachandra and Gangadharan.

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Bangalore District:

The Chennapatna taluk conference was held near Kengal Anjanaya's temple at Chennapatna on 12-1-42 with Mr. B. Abdur Rahiman, President of the Bangalore District Board as President and matters relating to the construction of a bridge over Arkavathi River at Kankanhalli were discussed. Mr. V.Venkatappa who spoke on the occasion exhorted the audience to express with one voice their inability to bear any fresh levy of taxation in connection with the construction of the bridge.

EXTERNEES.

Mr. K.S. Kumaran who is staying in Ramavilas Agrahar, Mysore, is understood to have been arranging to convene a meeting of the Mysore Progressive Party.

It is understood that K.S. Ramachandra Setti and 2 other externees from Shimoga District who are now in Tarikere are sending letters to important persons of the Labour Union at Bhadravathi regarding the withdrawal of prohibitory orders. Mr. Victor and two other workers interviewed them at Tarikere on 8-1-42 and advised them to move the higher authorities to withdraw the prohibitory orders. Mr. Seshagiri Sastri, Secretary of the Mysore Paper Mills Labour Association and Jairam, a dismissed worker met the externees on 11-1-42 and advised them similarly.

U.K. SOMAPPA,
Supdt. of Police, Special Branch.

No. 2542/CB.12-41 . 21st January 2

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Dear Sir Charles Todhunter

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Y.S.

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

No. 6/41-42/S.B.
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G. B. PEEL, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

BANGALORE

January 24, 1942.

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26/1/42

My dear Kesavaiengar.

I enclose for the information of Government, the Political Weekly Report, in duplicate, for the week ending Saturday the 24th January 1942.

Yours

G. B. Peel

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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THE POLITICAL WEEKLY REPORT.

(For the week ending 24th January 1942.)

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

The Congress members of the Bangalore Cit Municipality have elected Messrs. L.S. Raju and V.K. Govindarajalu as Leader and Secretary respectively of their party for the current year.

HINDU MAHA SABHA.

The second Convention of the All Mysore State Hindu Mahasabha is to be held at Siddagang (near Tumkur) in April next.

LABOUR.

Bangalore City:

On 20-1-42 about 300 weavers of Cubbonpet started in procession to the Bangalore Palace in order to represent their grievances to His Highness the Maharaja but were persuaded to see the Dewan instead. It is understood that Government propose to open a yarn depot at a cos of about Rs.5,000/-.

Mysore City:

The workers of the Sree Krishnarajendra Mills have elected Messrs. T. Mariappa a A. Krishnamurthi (Congressmen) as President and Secretary respectively of their Union.

Shimoga:

The Executive Committee of the La Union at Bhadravathi which met on 15-1-42 decide to demand a court of arbitration to settle their

settle their differences with the Management of the Iron and Steel Works.

Resolutions demanding a dearness allowance of Rs.5/- per month, a minimum daily wage of annas eight for women workers and the grant of one months leave a year were passed at a meeting of the executiv committee of the Paper Mills' Labour Association on 18-1-42. The committee also passed a resolution requesting the authorities to reinstate Jayaram and three other dismissed workers and to hold an enquiry into the circumstances that led to the death of Chinnappa.

VISITORS.

Srimant Appa Saheb, Premier of the Aundh State, who is at present in Mysore visited the local Congress Office where he described the administratio of the Aundh State.

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INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.

Bangalore,)
D:24-1-42.)

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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSION
IN MYSORE.

Bangalore, dated ....26th....January.....19

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Rukn-ul-Mulk
S. ABDUL WAJID, Esq., B.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief *Secretary to the Government of His Highness*
the Maharaja of Mysore,
.....*Department, Bangalo*

~~Subject~~:—

Adverting to your D.O.letter No.2562/C.B.date 22nd January 1942, I have the honour to forward he with in duplicate, a brief note on the Agricultura situation in the Mysore State during the week endi 24th January 1942.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Abdul Wajid.
Revenue Commissioner.

T.S.P.

Brief Report on the Agricultural situation in the Mysore State during the week ending 24th January 1942.

There was no rainfall during the week. Vaishaki paddy, Bengal-gram and Sugar-cane were sown during the week. The standing crops were in good condition. Harvesting of wet and dry crops were in progress. Cattle were generally healthy and pasture and fodder were available to them. Markets were well supplied and cooly classes found sufficient labour. The Agricultural situation was generally satisfactory.

Revenue Commissioner.

T.S.P.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
27 JAN 1942
No. 6463

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

Received..... *Registered*.....

From (Name) U.K. SOMAPPA, Esquire, B.A.,

(Designation) Superintendent of Police, Special Branch in Mysore,

Post Box....., (STATION) .....Bangalore.....

Telegraphic Address .....

FEB 5 1942
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To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. KESAVAIENGAR, Esquire, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore, BANGALORE.

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SUBJECT.

Special Branch Abstract No.S.B.A. 4/42 dated 26th January 1942 received from the Superintendent of Police, Special Branch, for the week ending 24th January 1942.

the honour to submit herewith, te, the Special Branch Abstract r the week ending Saturday, the y 1942, for the information nt.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

K.K. Somappa

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

Submitted for perusal.

Dewan. 27.1.42

Finance and Revenue Minister.

Law Minister.

Education Minister.

Local Self-Govt. and Public Health Minister.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

SPECIAL BRANCH IN .....**District.**
MYSORE

For week ending.....January...24,.....1942

The following matters should be reported on :—

(*a*) Political.
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District Superintendent of Police.
Special Branch in Mysore.

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S.B.A.No.4/42.

Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 24th January 1942.

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

PERSONNEL.

Bangalore City:

At a meeting of the Congress Party of the City Municipal Council on the 20th instant the following office-bearers were elected for the current year: Messrs: L.S. Raju - Leader; B. Subbiah - Deputy Leader; V.K. Govindarajulu - Secretary & Subbanna - Whip.

Messrs: H.C. Dasappa, K. Sampangiramiah, K. Pattabhiraman, K.T. Bhashyam, T. Siddalingiah and K. Chengalraya Reddi left Bangalore for Shimoga during the week to participate in the proceedings of the meeting of the Working Committee held on the 22nd and 23rd instant. Messrs. Bagamane Dyave Gowda, K.R. Madhava Rao, A.G. Bandi Gowda, S. Nijalingappa and Channiah also attended the meeting.

Shimoga District:

At the Town Municipal elections held at Shimoga on the 17th instant, Mr. C. Ramaswamy Setty (Congress) was elected President of the Town Municipal Council.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

After discussions, the Congress Party Municipal Councillors decided to appear in the prescribed "Kammarband" dress on the occasion of presentation of the address to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore. Messrs: N. Keshavaiengar, M.K. Narayana Iyengar, M.A. Gopalaswami Iyengar and M.R. Honnappa absented themselves on the occasion for various reasons. This was discussed at their party meeting but dropped at that stage. Mr. K. Hanumanthiah is understood to have obtained the signatures of some of the Municipal Councillors approving the presentation of the address in English. Messrs. Gundenahalli Nanjappa and Ramalal Thivari did not attest the proposal.

Dr.(Miss) Kamalamma Ramachandriah who is contesting on Congress ticket for the Municipal Councillorship from the VIII Ward, appears to have failed to pay the prescribed fee of Rs.150/- towards propaganda expenses. Mr. K. Ramaswamy (Congressman), Cubbonpet, a relation of her and some other congressmen are learnt to have told her not to pay anything to the Congress. Vigorous canvassing is going on in Basavangudi on her behalf.

Messrs. S. Vasudeva Rao, a Congressman of Chitaldrug and K.A. Venkataramia are reported to have drawn up schemes - the former for the organisation of Volunteers in the State and the latter for Khadi production.

Mandya District:

On the 6th instant, a meeting of the Congressmen of Mandya was held in the Congress Office in connection with the resignation sent by ~~the~~ Mr. Chikalingiah for the Presidentship of the District Board. Messrs. H.C. Dasappa and B. Narayanaswamy of Mysore and Kempe Gowda of Seringapatam also attended the meeting. Mr. Chikalingiah was learnt to have entered into an agreement with the Congress at the time of election that he would resign in favour of Mr. Krishnappa Gowda after a tenure of 1½ years. After tendering his resignation about a month or two ago Mr. Chikalingiah reported subsequently to the Deputy Commissioner that his resignation need not be sent to Government as it was given under pressure of Congressmen and at the same time requested the Working Committee of the Mysore Congress to allow him to continue for the remaining period of 1½ years. Mr. Dasappa is learnt to have decided that Mr. Chikalingiah, according to the agreement, should resign in favour of Mr. Krishnappa Gowda, whereupon the former made a subsequent report stating that his resignation might be accepted.

Hassan District:

Mr. B.N. Boranna Gowda was engaged in enrolling members to the Mysore Congress, during the week.

Shimoga District:

Mr. C. Ramaswamy Setty (Congress) the President-elect of the Shimoga Town Municipal Council was taken in procession on the 17th instant by Messrs. H. Siddiah, H.S. Rudrappa and other Congressmen of Shimoga.

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress met at Shimoga on the 22nd and 23rd instant. The Mysore and the Congress flags were hoisted at the Ramanna Setty Park on the morning of the 22nd by Messrs. T. Siddalingiah, and K.T. Bhashyam, respectively, when short speeches were made on the significance of both the flags. Besides the members of the Working Committee, Messrs. C. Ramaswamy Setty, Kadidal Manjappa, S.V. Krishna Murthi, G.N. Rajagopal, Shiva Shankar and K.N. Murthi of the Sivaji Sangha also attended the meeting of the Working Committee.

Chitaldrug District:

The tour of the Mysore Congress President in the District has been postponed sine die.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Shimoga District:

Messrs. H. Siddiah, H.S. Rudrappa, Kari Siddappa, K.G. Wadeyar, K. Raghavendra Rao, Mariswamy Hirematt , Nidige Rudrappa, N.G. Rudrappa, Salige Mallappa Gowda and some others convened propaganda meetings in the District during the week for enrolling members to the Congress. Messrs. H. Siddiah, K. Raghavendra Rao, N.G. Rudrappa and S. Mallappa Gowda addressed a gathering at Bankasana Jatra on the 16th instant. A sum of Rs.151/- was presented to the Congress by the Sorab Taluk Congress Committee.

A public meeting was also held on the 22nd instant at Shimoga presided over by Mr. H. Siddiah.

Chitaldrug District:

A propaganda meeting for enrolment of members was also held in Molakalmuru on the 20th instant attended by Messrs. S. Nijalingappa and S. Vasudeva Rao. The latter appears to have spoken to the audience (about 150) to support the Congress.

HINDU MAHA SABHA.

Tumkur District:

The second convention of the All Mysore State Hindu Maha Sabha is to be held at Siddaganga near Tumkur in April next.

Mr. Bhoopalam Chandrasekhara Setty held a private meeting at Tumkur on the 17th instant. This was attended by Messrs. H.R. Mahantia, H.S. Rama Rao, Beluriah and K. Lakshmana Gowda. The meeting adopted a resolution on the enrolment of members to the Sabha.

Under the auspices of the above Sabha, a public meeting was held at Tiptur on the 18th instant presided over by Mr. B. Nanjappa, a local merchant. Messrs. Bhoopalam Chandrasekhara Setty, Nanjundappa, Ramanna and H.R. Mahantiah spoke to a gathering of about 50 persons on the aims and objects of the Sabha and exhorted the audience to lend support by way of men and money. The next day they held a similar meeting at Tumkur presided over by Rajasevasaktha Mr. H. Venkataramiah.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

The Committee meetings of the Maharaja and the Minerva Mills were held on the 18th instant when routine matters were discussed. The Minerva Mills Association has decided to press the case of Lingiah (externee) and address the authorities in this behalf.

About 300 weavers of Cubbonpet went in procession towards the Palace on the 20th instant in order to represent their grievances to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore but stopped away on being advised to see the Dewan. It is since understood that the Government have proposed to open a yarn depot at a cost of Rs.5,000/- and sell yarn to the weavers. Mr. Bhashyam is learnt to have called for a meeting of the weavers on the 25th instant at the Congress Office with a view to solve their un-employment problem and suggest them the idea of opening Khadi Spinning Centres.

The proprietors of Muddiah's Silk Throwing Factory are understood to have replied to the Labour Commissioner through their agent Mr. P. Rajarathnam, stating that the Lock-out could not be declared as illegal in view of the Association having been registered five days after the Lock-out. (10th and 5th instant respectively).

The Binny's Mills Association are learnt to have made a reference to the Management of the said Mills asking for the transfer of funds from the old union to the new Association with a view to advance money to the dismissed workers Basaviah, Venkatesh, Ramia and others.

Mr. Bhashyam appears to be expressing that he would resign from the office of the President of the Association in favour of Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddi.

Mysore District:

At a meeting of the workers of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mills on the 18th instant, the following office-bearers were elected for their Association:-Messrs: T. Mariappa - President; B.R. Rukmaji Rao - Vice-president; Bangara Setty - Treasurer; A. Krishna Murthi - Secretary; P.M. Leo - Assistant Secretary and 11 from the Spinning, 4 from Hosiery, 4 from weaving, 2 from General and 1 from Bleaching and Dye house Departments - Executive Committee members.

Shimoga District:

The Executive Committee of the Labour Union at Bhadravathi which met on 15-1-42 decided to demand a Court of Arbitration to settle their differannes with the management of the Iron and Steel Works.

Resolutions demanding a dearness allowance of Rs.5/- per mensem, a minimum daily wage of eight annas for women workers and the grant of one month's leave a year, were passed at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Paper Mills Labour Association on the 18th instant with Mr. B.P. Halappa as President. The Committee also passed another resolution requesting the authorities to reinstate Jayaram and three other dismissed workers and to hold an enquiry into the circumstances that led to the death of Chinnappa.

Monthly subscriptions are being collected from some of the labourers by Victor, Doreswami Naidu, Maya Setty, Seshagiri Gowda and others, towards their Association and to meet the expenses of the Court of Arbitration.

The members of the Executive Committee have also requested the General Manager to permit Deshikan and Siddoji Rao to remain in the New Town Area till their cases are settled in the Arbitration Court. Desikan is learnt to have been since permitted to remain in the quarters for 15 days.

Mr. Seshagiri Sastry, Secretary, Paper Mills Labour Union is being prevailed upon by the workers to render accounts for the collections so far made and it is reported that he has replied that he did not know anything about the collections made prior to 6th November.

Kolar Gold Fields:

M.C. Perumal, Dakshina, Arulnathan and some other labour workers of the Congress Party canvassed votes in favour of Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddi during the week. Some of them carried red flags containing the emblem of sickle and hammer. Mr. Changalraya Reddi met the workers of the Champion Reef Labour Association on the 19th instant and discussed about the nominations to their Associations.

PRESS.

With reference to the interpretation of the expression " IMPERIALISM " published in " Prajamatha" dated 11-1-1942, the District Magistrate, Bangalore, has been addressed to order the copies of the issue dated 11-1-42 forfeited since the tone of comments as published comes under the purview of section 40 of the Defence of India Rules (as applied to Mysore) and the Editor and Publisher is also liable for prosecution under section 34 Cl.6 (e) of the said Rules.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Kadur District:

Messrs. M.A. Rame Gowda and M. Hutche Gowda, Congressmen, the former - a member of the Representative Assembly, attended the Taluk Conference held at Mudigere on the 18th instant, presided over by the Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Rame Gowda is reported to have remarked during the Conference that he and others would not pay land revenue until the Government took measures to construct dam over Badarahalla and a bridge over Mudasosi river. Further, he is said to have also behaved in an unpleasant manner when some other subjects were discussed. Hutche Gowda also joined the former in this connection, while a part of the audience strongly resented their behaviour. Their remarks are, however, said to have not created any impression on the audience as they have no support in the Taluk. They have not so far undertaken any propaganda to give effect to their threat of non-payment of revenue.

Kolar Gold Fields:

The boys studying in the Company Primary School at Henry Shaft Lines have stopped away from attending the classes since the 19th instant on the plea that the Headmaster demanded money and abused them, etc., Captain Willis is reported to have intervened and advised the boys in vain. The latter are understood to have sent a representation to the District Educational Officer and awaiting his arrival.

EXTERNEES AND DEPORTEES.

Mr. Yeswant Telang of Nagpur against whom an order under section 32 Mysore Public Security Act was served on the 16th instant, was taken to custody and sent out of the State on the 17th instant.

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Confidential.

Dear Sir Charles Todhunter.

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the State received from the several Districts for the week ending Saturday the 24th January 1942.

J.S.

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

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My dear MacMunn,

I am desired to forward herewith a weekly report relating to the political events in the State for the week ending Saturday the 24th January 1942.

Major A.E.H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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BANGALORE

Dated January 31, 1942.

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I enclose for the information of Government, the Political Weekly Report, in duplicate, for the week ending Saturday, the 31st January 1942.

Rajasevaprasaktha
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of
Mysore, Bangalore.

THE POLITICAL WEEKLY REPORT.

(For the week ending Saturday, the 31st January 194

CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

PROPAGANDA.

The Mysore Congress observed "Independence Day" on the 26th January by holding public meetings throughout the State and explaining to the audience the significance of the Independence Pledge. At - Chitaldrug, a few students of the local High School struck work and participated in the celebrations. At Mysore, Mr. S. Rangaramiah, the President of the Mysore District Congress Committee, made a vehement speech criticising British Policy in India. As his speech amounted to a "Prejudicial Act" he has been prosecuted under Rule 34 (6) and 38 (1) & (5) of the Defence of India Rules.

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress which met at Shimoga on the 23rd instant decided to form a separate A.R.P. Volunteer Organisation under Mr. T. Siddalingiah and to take steps to prevent panic among the public.

Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam and M.N. Seetharamiah have been elected President and Secretary respectiv of the All Mysore Spinners' Association.

LABOUR.

Bangalore City: As a protest against the refusal of the authorities to sanction a dearness allowance, the - workers of AMCO Ltd. staged a brief stay-in-strike on the morning of the 27th instant. They resumed work the same afternoon on being assured by the Managing

Managing Director that their representations would be considered sympathetically.

Shimoga: Desikan (a dismissed worker of the Bhadravathi Iron and Steel Works) and Puttiah are collecting subscriptions from the workers to meet the expenses of the Court of Arbitration which they hope will be constituted shortly and it is understood that a sum of Rs.500/- has so far been collected.

At a public meeting of the workers of the Iron and Steel Works held at Nidige (about 6 miles from Bhadravathi) on 25-1-42, Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao stated that nothing could be obtained by conciliation and a legal strike was the only method of achieving their objects. He advised a strike in case an Arbitration Court was not constituted by 29th instant.

PROHIBITORY ORDERS.

The Government have extended the prohibitory order passed by the District Magistrate, Shimoga, under section 144 Cl.(6) of the Criminal Procedure Code, banning the entry of Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao into the limits of Bhadravathi (vide Weekly Diary dated 7-12-41) for a further period of 6 months from the 3rd February next.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rumours are current in Bangalore City and Kolar Gold Field that an American Engineer who was working for Hindustan Aircraft, Ltd., recently absconded with an aeroplane belonging to the Company. It is said that he was a German 5th Columni

a German 5th Columnist who successfully posed as an American for a long time and thus managed to remain at large and to secure ~~an~~ employment with Hindustan Aircraft, Ltd. !

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Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,

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I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government the Special Branch Abstract No. 5/42, in triplicate, for the week ending Saturday, the 31st January 1942.

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I have the honor to be,

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Your most obedient servant,

U.K. Somappa

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

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For week ending 31-1-1942.

The following matters should be reported on :—

(*a*) Political.
(*b*) Social and Economic.
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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 31st January 1942.

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT

PERSONNEL

Bangalore City:

Mr. H. Siddiah, President, Mysore Congress, is expected to arrive in Mysore and continue his tour in the District from the 4th February.

Mr. T. Siddalingiah has been placed in charge of Volunteer Organisation for Air Raid Precaution service proposed by the Mysore Congress.

The following were elected for the All Mysore Spinners' Association at a meeting held on the 26th January:-

Messrs: Bhashyam - President, M.N. Sitharamiah - Secretary, B.L. Nanjappa - Office Secretary, T. Siddalingiah, H.C. Dasappa, Mahabala Rao, S.R.Nagappa Setty, Bagamane Dyave Gowda, S. Vasudeva Rao, M. Nilakanta Rao, N.C. Thimma Reddi, B.N. Borannagowda, Tagadur Ramachandra Rao, K.T. Satyanarayana Setty and Srimathi Annapurna Devi. - members.

Hassan District:

The following were elected for the Charka Sangha opened at Holenarasipur on the 25th January:-

Messrs: B. Krishna Setty - President, Y. Narasanna and Varadachar - Secretaries, S.C. Suryanarayana Setty - Treasurer, Ramiah and some others - members.

PROPAGANDA

Bangalore City:

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress which met at Shimoga on the 22nd and 23rd January adopted resolution on the formation of a separate Volunteer Organisation for Air Raid Precautions service in the State. While feeling the necessity to form such volunteer organisations, the congressmen have shirked to lend their open support to the measures proposed by the Government.

At a meeting of the workers of the City Congress on the 26th instant, Mr. Bhashyam deprecated the scant support of the local Municipal Councillors to the constructive programme of work. The question of formation of a Spinners' Association was also taken up and a sum of about Rs.500/- was promised by the members. In the course of the evening, Mr. T. Siddalingiah presided over another meeting when he explained the necessity and urgency of forming Volunteer Organisations for Air Raid Precautions service.

The City Congress Committee also discussed about the arrest of Mr. S. Rangaramiah. Next, they fixed the dates for receipt of nomination papers in connection with the bye-election from Chamarajpet.

Thangavelu Mudaliyar, a member of the Congress Committee, K.G.F., is learnt to have purchased about Rs.500/- worth of Khadi from the City Khadi Stores for opening a Khadi Vasthralaya in K.G.F. area.

Mysore District:

The Mysore Congress Progressive Party held a meeting on the 25th instant at Mysore in the house of Mr. Agaram Rangiah.

Messrs: Agaram Rangiah, K.S. Kumaran, A.N. Suryanarayana Rao, B. Subbaraya Upadhyaya, T.S. Subbanna A. Shivanna, A. Ramanna, S.N. Ganapathi Sastry and Rama Rao attended the meeting. K.S. Kumaran explained the aims and objects of the meeting opposing the idea of the Mysore Congress in having put off the demand for the grant of Responsible Government in Mysore as resolved at their last A.M.C.C. Session. They finally resolved to form a local committee with T.S.Subbanna as convenor.

The Congress members of the City Municipal Council, Mysore, met at the Congress Office on the night of the 27th instant, discussed about the arrest of Mr. S. Rangaramiah and adopted a resolution condemning the action of Government.

CONFERENCES & PUBLIC MEETINGS

Bangalore City:

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam presided over a public meeting held at the Municipal Gardens on the 27th instant. Messrs: H.C. Dasappa, T. Siddalingiah and the president, among other matters, spoke about the resolution passed by the Working Committee regarding the formation of Volunteer Organisations in connection with the A.R.P. Service and appealed for public support.

They have also called for another meeting on the 1st proximo.

Bangalore District:

Mr. K. Hanumanthia was taken in procession from Mottedoddi to Lakkappanahalli in Closepet taluk on the 24th instant. This was followed by a public meeting attended by Messrs: Chude Gowda, T. Siddalingiah and some other congressmen. Mr. Hanumanthia was felicitated consequent on his election as President, Bangalore City Municipal Council.

Mr. V. Venkatappa presided over the Taluk Conference held at Kankanahalli on the 26th January when the question of constructing a bridge across the Arkavathi River was discussed. A resolution was passed disapproving the action of Government in levying a tax in this behalf.

Mysore District:

The members of Kurubar Community in

Mysore presented an address to Mr. T. Mariappa(M.L.C.) on the 24th instant. The ~~fn~~ function was presided over by Mr. H.C. Dasappa. Messrs: P. Sitharamiah, and K. Changalaraya Reddi spoke extolling the services and sacrifices of Mr. T. Mariappa.

Hassan District:

At the"Anniversary of the Charka Sangha", celebrated at Holenarasipur on the 25th instant with Mr. B. Venkataranga Setty as President, Messrs: A.G. Ramachandra Rao and Puttegowda spoke on encouraging khadi. A sum of about Rs.76/- has been so far subscribed towards the ' Sangha ' by some congressmen.

Mr. V. Venkatappa of Channapatna presided over the Vokkaligar Conference held at Gorur on the 24th instant. Messrs: Thimmappa Gowda, T. Made Gowda, G. Ramaswamy Iyengar, Narasa Gowda, Puttasami Gowda, Bor~~n~~na Gowda and some other congressmen participated in the proceedings. The speakers referred to the economic and social condition of Vokkaligars and their upliftment. They resolved to establish a hostel for their community men and to move the Government to establish schools in all villages.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Mysore Congress celebrated the ' Independence Day ' on the 26th January by hoisting the Mysore&Congress Flags and convening public meetings particulars of which are noted in the margin.

BANGALORE CITY: Messrs: H.C.Dasappa, K.T. Bhashyam, K.Hanumanthia, H.C. Suryanarayana Rao, K. Ramaswamy, K. Pattabhiraman, M.N.Sitharamiah, Miss Kamala Ramachandriah and about 25 others.
Note (No public meeting).

MYSORE: S.Rangaramiah, A.N. Suryanarayana Rao, P. Sitharamiah, T.S. Rajagopaliengar, T.Mariappa.

NANJANGUD: Rachia and about a dozen others (boys)

HASSAN: A.G. Ramachandra Rao

SHIMOGA: K.R. Madhava Rao, Kodidal Manjappa, D.S. Dinakar, S.V. Krishnamurthi and other local congressmen.

CHITALDRUG: S.Nijalingappa, A.Bhimappa Naik, S.Ranga Rao, S. Vasudeva Rao, H. Srinivasa Jois, Rajasekhariah Hiremutt, H.K.Rama Reddi and some students: Shankar Linge Gowda, Thimmanaika, Mallikarjuniah, Annadaniah, Nagendra Prasad (about 500 students

Some among the persons who participated in the ~~fn~~ function explained to the audeince on the significance of observing the 'Day' and the taking of the Pledge.

In Bangalore, Mr.H. C. Dasappa hoisted the Congress ~~Flag~~ Flag in the premises of the Congress Office. A Canarese translation of the Pledge was read and repeated by

TUMKUR: R.S. Aradhya, M.V. Rama Rao, B C.Nanjundiah, Neelakanta Rao, Pandit Rudria, Nanjappa, Anandamurthi. KOLAR: M. Doreswami, Ramakrishniah Sarvagnamurthi and about 20 students.	In Mysore the members of the Congress Progressive Party observed the function independently of the local congress workers. Mr.M.N. Jois (Progressive Party) after

hoisting the National Flag in the premises of the old Congress Office, read the Independence Pledge. Messrs: M.N. Jois and K.S. Kumaran are learnt to have also addressed a letter to the Secretary, Mysore City Congress Committee, criticising their method of observing the Day by hoisting both the flags and stating that it was wrong to have hoisted the Mysore Flag along with the Congress Flag.

Messrs: S. Rangaramiah and P. Sitharamaih simultaneously hoisted the Congress flag and the Mysore Flag respectively in the Subbarayanakere maidan. The former spoke on the significance of the Congress flag. The same evening Mr. S. Rangaramia presided over a public meeting. As his speech was highly objectionable coming within the ambit of " Prejudicial Act", he was arrested on 27-1-42 and is prosecuted under the Defence of India Rules. (vide page 28 infra). The 'Independence Pledge' was read in Kannada by Mr. Rangaramiah and it was repeated by the gathering (about 200 persons). Messrs: P. Sitharamiah, T.S. Rajagopalaiengar and T. Mariappa also spoke to the gathering.

Owing to the very poor gathering, no speeches were made at the public meeting arranged in Shimoga except the reading of the congress pledge by Mr. S.V. Krishna Murthi.

At Chitaldrug, a few students of the local High School struck work and participated in the celebrations. Mr. S. Nijalingappa hoisted the congress flag in the compound of his bungalow. Messrs: S. Nijalingappa and A. Bhimappa Naik advised the students that they should learn politics but not take part in it. H.K. Rama Reddy, an old student of the High School took a leading part in the strike.

The local congressmen of Tumkur and Kolar held private meetings in the congress offices in their respective places, where they similarly took the 'Pledge of Independence '. In Kolar, Messrs: M. Doreswamy, Ramakrishniah and Sarvagnamurthi with about 20 students took out " Peace, Progress, Freedom" flag in procession in important streets of Kolar and this was followed by short speeches by the above said three persons.

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Bangalore City:

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It is learnt that the newly registered associations have not been maintaining proper accounts.

The lock-out in Maddiah's Silk Factory is still continuing.

Shimoga District:

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The workers of the Rolling Mills and Open Hearth Sections of the Iron Works have each received an advance of 15 days' pay on the 28th January as their sections are not working, due to want of supply of coal.

Mr. D.V. Gundappa is reported to have been chosen, on behalf of the Labour Association for the court of Arbitration. Mr. Victor is understood to have also consulted Mr. Bhashyam in the matter of engaging a counsel to appear before the Court of Arbitration.

The election of office-bearers for the Iron and Steel works Union which was held on the 26th January with Mr. Mari as President, passed a list of demands regarding the grant of " dearness allowance", leave, general increment, introduction of the Provident Fund Scheme and other allied ones.

Labour Association is to come of on the 6th Feby. The Executive Committee of the Paper Mills Labour

Kolar Gold Field:

There was no opposition to the congress candidates for the election of office-bearers for the Champion Reef Union. Union. The General Body meetin has been arranged to be held on the 1st February. Secret meetings are being held in the S.R. Building at the instance of Mahimanathan, Perumal and other congress-mined labourers. Mr. K. Changalaraya Reddi has been requested to move the Government to repeal the provisions of Sec.17 Mysore Mining Act.

PROHIBITORY ORDERS

As a preventive measure during the Moharum Festivities, orders were passed by the local authorities in Magadi and Kankanahalli tawns under Section 45, Mysore Police Act.

The District Magistrate, Shimoga, passed orders on 24-1-42 extending the prohibitory orders under section 39 Mysore Police Act in force in Bhadravathi and within a radius of 5 miles for a further period of two months from the 25th instant.

The Government have extended the prohibitory order passed by the District Magistrate, Shimoga, under section 144 Cl.(6) of the Criminal Procedure Code banning the entry of Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao into the limits of Bhadravathi for a further period of six months from the 3rd February next.

PROSECUTIONS

Mr. S. Rangaramiah, President, District Congress Committee, Mysore, made a vehement speech at Mysore on the 26th instant on the occasion of observing the ' Independence Day' criticising the British Policy in India. As his speech amounted to a "Prejudicial Act", he has been prosecuted under Rule 34 (6) and 38(1) & (5) of the Defence of India Rules. Case posted to 30-1-1942.

EXTERNEES

Krishna Bhatta and Ramachandra Setty left Tumkur for Bangalore on the 24th instant and Ananda Murthi, on the 28th. The latter also attended the 'Independence Day' celebration on the 26th at Tumkur. The first two are learnt to have interviewed the Chairman of the Iron Works, Bhadravathi and other officials in connection with the withdrawal of the prohibitory orders.

VISITORS.

Kadur District:

Mr. N.T. Damde, Secretary, Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee, Dharwar, arrived in Chikmagalur on the 23rd instant and left for Belur and on to Hassan on the 25th adcompanied by Mr. M.R. Venkataramiah, Manager, Khadi Bhandar, Chikmagalur. The latter since returned to Chikmagalur.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,
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Superintendent of Police,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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Sir Charles Todhunter,

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the State received from the several Districts for the week ending Saturday the 31st January 1942.

Yours faithfully,
Sd. M. G. Mehkri

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I., J.P.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
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Bangalore.

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SIR,

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I have the honour to submit herewith ormation of Government, the Special ract No.6/42 in triplicate, for the Saturday, the 7th February 1942.

I have the honor to be,

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Your most obedientsservant,

S. K. Somappa.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

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For week ending 7th February 1942.....

The following matters should be reported on :—

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 7th February 1942.

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT

PERSONNEL

Bangalore City:

The Bangalore City Congress Committee resolved on 1-2-42 that Mr. T. Ramachar should contest on congress ticket the bye-election for Chamarajapet Constituency.

Mysore District:

A committee of the Mysore Congress Progressive Party was formed for the Mysore District with Messrs: T.S. Subbanna, K.S. Kumaran, N. Vishakanta-Rao, N. Gopala Rao, M.N. Jois, and S.N. Ganapathi Sastri with powers to co-opt. Mr. T.S. Subbanna was elected Secretary.

On 1-2-42, a meeting of congress members of the Municipal Council was held and new office-bearers were elected to the party. President - Mr. T.Mariappa; Vice-president - Mr. B. Narayanaswamy; Secretary - T. Venkataramanaiya; Whip - Mr. E.P. Nanjappa; Treasurer - Mr. T. Chowdaiya; Publicity Officers - Messrs: A. Krishnamurthy and A.N. Suryanarayana Rao.

Tumkur District:

Mr. V. Rama Rao, President of the Town Congress, Tumkur, has been elected the President of the Municipality in place of Mr. K. Ranga Iyengar.

PROPAGANDA

Bangalore City:

It is understood that the subject matter of the interview of congress leaders with the Government relates to (1) Flag Question, (2) Outside influence such as reference to and consultation with British Indian Congress leaders, and (3) the implications of the demand for Responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Messrs: H.C. Dasappa and T. Siddalingiah visited Channapatana to supervise the arrangements for the Congress Sessions in April 1942.

Messrs: Thimma Reddy and H.C. Dasappa are reported to have written to Mr. S. Rangaramaiya objecting to his having asked for bail.

At a combined meeting of the District Congress Committee and Reception Committee, presided over by Mr. Venkatappa on 1-2-42, it was resolved that the venue should be named as ' NEHRU NAGAR ' and that Mrs. Vijaya laxmi Pandit be invited for opening the Exhibition. Mr. Subba Rao of Closepet is in charge of the arrangements.

At a public meeting held on 1-2-42, Messrs: K.T. Bhashyam, T.T. Sharma, T. Siddalingiah and H.C.Dasappa explained the A.R.P. measures proposed by the Congress and requested for volunteers and money.

In connection with the prosecutions launched against Messrs: H.C. Dasappa and T. Siddalingiah, Messrs:. K.T. Bhashyam and K. Hanumanthiah have issued condemnatory Press Statements and have fixed 10-2-42 to observe it as ' The Day of Protest '.

Bangalore District:

On 29-1-42, Mr. H.C. Dasappa visited Thittamaranahalli near Channapatna and conferred with Madegowda and Venkatappa with a view to hold the Fifth All Mysore Congress Convention, there.

Chitaldrug District:

On 30-1-42,Messrs: S. Nijalingappa, A. Bhimappa Naik, R. Hiremutt, S. Ranga Rao, P.S. Sreenivasamurthyachar, S. Vasudeva Rao and local congressites met in Khadi Vasthralaya, Chitaldrug and discussed about the formation of an " [illegible] " to work as an A.R.P. Organisation, independently of Government. Funds are likely to be collected towards this end.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mysore District:

At a public meeting held in Subbarayanakere maidan on 29-1-42, Messrs: B. Narayanaswami, S. Channiah, T.S. Raja Gopala Iyengar, M.N. Jois, H.K. Veeranna Gowda Agaram Rangiah, T. Mariappa, K.S. Subbegowda, J. Swami Doss, condemened the arrest of Mr. S. Rangaramiah and expressed disapproval of the same on three general grounds : (1) that in British India Political Prisoners are being let off, (2) Congress in Mysore is going on smoothly with the Government, even drafting a resolution that under the present conditions, the demand for Responsible Government should not be made, (3) the strain of S. Rangaramiah's speech was not different from that of British Indian Congress leaders at present.

Another public meeting was held in Subbarayanakere maidan on 4-2-42 by the Congress Progressive Party presided over by Mr. M.N. Jois which also condemned the arrests of Messrs: H.C. Dasappa and T. Siddalingiah and the passing of an order under section 45, Mysore Police Act at Mysore City regarding the taking of a license for processions. Messrs: K.S. Kumaran and M.N. Jois spoke. The speech of the former was vehement and objectionable.

At Bannur, the local congress committee held a public meeting on 4-2-42 in the Jathra, when Mr. M.H. Siddegowda presided. Messrs: S. Channiah, E.P. Nanjappa, A.G. Bandi Gowda, B. Narayanaswami, A.Ramanna and T. Mariappa who spoke on the occasion expressed disappointment at the postponment of the Congress President's tour in this area and condemned the arrests of congress leaders by the Government as an act done without sufficient forethought. They also asked the villagers to join the ' Volunteer Corps ' for A.R.P. purposes.

The Mysore Congress Progressive Party held a meeting on 1-2-42, also attended by K. S. Kumaran - Externee of Bangalore ', T.S. Subbanna, Bheemakumar of Chitaldrug and K. Chicklingiah of Mandya and five resolutions were passed condemning (1) the Educational authorities for punishing students of Chitaldrug that took part in the observance of Independence Day "Hartal", (2) Government authorities for detaining labour leaders in jail viz. N.D. Shankar and M.S. Rama Rao, (3) the proscription of Vishakanta Rao's book " [illegible] (Workers' call - (4) the arrest of Rangaramiah, (5) the attitude of Mysore Congress, destroying the fighting spirit, by withdrawing the congress resolution for Responsible Government.

LABOUR AGITATION

Bangalore City:

It is understood that Mr. Bhashyam does not wish to continue as President of the Binny Mills' Labour Association.

TheManagement of the Mysore and Minerva Mills have replied to the Workers Association that the demand lists sent by the Associations have been sent to their Bombay Office for consideration.

At a meeting of Binny Mill Workers' Association on 1-2-42, the question of (1) accepting Mr. Changalaradhya's resignation and (2) increasing the salary of Natalam Munisami were deferred till the receipt of a reply from Binny Mill Union. The question of advance of Rs100/- to Putta Shankarappa and others was also resolved to be looked into.

The Executive Committee of the workers of the Motor Transport Company met on 4-2-42, presided over by Mr. L.S. Raju and drafted a list of demands for (1) provision for sick leave, (2) Provident Fund, (3) enhancement of wages, (4) grant of 'dearness allowance ' and (5) 10 per cent bonus.

The Management of Koday Eswara Silk Throwing Factory have put up a notice that 20 or 40 hands may have to be retrenched owing to slump in the silk thread market. The factory is closed from 2-2-42. Mr. Gundenahally Nanjappa, President of the Workers' Association of this Factory has written to the Registrar and Labour Commissioner about this.

Bangalore District:

In the Soldevanhalli Stoneware and Pipes and Potteries Company, 30 labourers have struck work from 2-2-42 consequent on the introduction of 'contract System ' in place of ' Token System '.

Mysore District:

Messrs: T. Mariappa (President) and A. Krishnamurthi (Secretary) of Krishnarajendra Mill Workers' Association, are said to have interviewed the Chairman of the Mills and represented the grievances of the labourers.

Shimoga District:

It is reported that the Executive com-

-mitte members of the Iron Works Labour Association have addressed the Labour Commissioner for postponing the election of the office-bearers of the Association to a date other than 8-2-42, on the plea that the labourers of the Rolling Mills will be absent from head-quarters on that date. No reply is received.

At a General Body meeting of the Paper Mills' Association held on 30-1-42, the draft demand list prepared by the Executive Committee was approved. The fresh demands put forth are:- (1) Labourers of 3 years' service to be entitled for one month's Privilege Leave with pay per year, (2) Maternity leave of two months per year with pay, (3) workers in Soda recovery boiler and digesters sections to be given coffee or tea and other facilities. The following persons were elected to the Executive Committee.- (1) Ahamad Sheriff (beating Section, (2) Gundu Rao (card-board Section), (3) Thimmiah (Rag Section), (4) Siva Rao (bamboo cutting Section).

On 1-2-42, a public meeting of labourers was held at Nidige presided over by Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao. D.S. Dinakar, Nyamathi, Basavannappa, Seshagiri Sastri and Nidige Rudrappa spoke to the audience. The speakers were immoderate and vehement in their criticism of Government administration in Labour matters. A resolution was also passed condemning the policies of the Government in extending the order under Section 39, Mysore Police Act, at Bhadravathi for two months not caring for the peaceful atmosphere in Bhadravathi and the order under section 144 Cr.P.C. passed on Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao for another period of six months.

On the 2nd and 3rd instant Messrs: Bhashyam, Victor, and B. Chandrasekhara Setty interviewed the General Manager and Chairman of the Bhadravathi Iron Works regarding the reinstatement of Desikan and Siddoji Rao, but they were told that the matter has been referred to arbitratoion Court.

Chitaldrug District:

Laxmikanta Bheemakumar of Chitaldrug to Davanagere on 29-1-42 and wanted to visit the Cotton Gins on the plea of studying labour conditions there. The proprietors having refused access, he went to Arsikere on 31-1-42 after collecting some funds for his expenses from congressites.

Kolar Gold Field:

One Chinniah, a labourer under Contractor Mr. Abdul Sammad, and a member of the committee of the Oorgaum Labour Association was dismissed by the contractor for reporting about the condition of the workers under him. The matter is taken to the consideration of the Labour Commissioner through Mr. Ramachandra.

During a meeting of the Champion Reef Labour Association held on 1-2-42, the names of Executive Committee members were announced. Mr. K. Changalaraya Reddi addressed the gathering about the congress creed of Khaddar, spinning and weaving and of serving the country merging differences of caste and community.

PROSECUTIONS

Bangalore City:

Messrs: H.C. Dasappa and T.Siddalingiah were arrested and sent to Shimoga under warrants of the Special Magistrate, Shimoga on 1-2-42. They are being prosecuted for offences under rules 34(6) and 38(5) of the Defence of India Rules for objectionable speeches delivered at Shimoga on 22-1-42.

VISITORS

Messrs: C. Raja Gopalachari, B. Gopala Reddi and Kala Venkata Rao came to Bangalore on the morning of the 4th instant and proceeded to Hindupur the same day. Local congress leaders requested them to address public meetings to which they pleaded their inability.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bangalore City:

S.G. Damle of Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangha is reported to be at Poona and Sreepad Napar and Desai are reported to be still in Bangalore.

Mandya District:

Barbers at Nagamangala having demanded higher wages from Mohammedans, a hitch ensued but by prompt interference, further developments were checked.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Superintendent of Police,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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E.G.B. PEEL, ESQ., C.I.E.,
nspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

Bangalore,
Dated February 7,

Allan Mr. Mehkri

I enclose for the information of Government, the Political Weekly Report, in duplicate, for the week ending Saturda the 7th February 1942.

Submit for perusal
Law Secretary 7/2

ulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

THE POLITICAL WEEKLY REPORT

(For the week ending, February 7, 1942)

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT

The Bangalore District Congress Committee which met on the 1st instant decided to invite Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit to preside over the V^th Session of the All Mysore Congress Convention to be held in Bangalore District and to name the venue as "NEHRU NAGAR".

The President of the Mysore Congress has fixed 10th February as a "Day of protest" to condemn the arrests of Messrs: H.C. Dasappa, T. Siddalingiah and S. Rangaramiah under the Defence of India Rules.

Resolutions condemning the action of the authorities in detaining in custody N.D. Shankar and M.S. Rao without trial, and expressing disapproval of the policy of the Mysore Congress in postponing the demand for Responsible Government and urging the congress to withdraw the resolution passed at the meeting of the A.M.C.C. at Holenarasipur, were passed at a meeting the Congress Progressive Party held at Mysore on 1-2 K.S. Kumaran, communist, who is externed from Bangal District, and Laxmikantha Bhimakumar, a dangerous agitator of Chitaldrug, attended the meeting.

PROSECUTIONS

Messrs: H.C. Dasappa and T. Siddalingiah who made objectionable speeches on the occasion of the celebration of "Independence Day" on the 26th January 1942 are being prosecuted under Rules 34(6) and 38(5) of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore. They were arrested on the 1st instant and remanded to custody till the

LABOUR

Bangalore City:

It is reported that Mr. K.T. Bhashyam does not wish to continue as President of the Binny Mills Labour Association.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Motor Transport Union held on the 4th instant with Mr. L.S.Raju as President, it was decided to demand a dearness allowance and certain privileges in respect of sick leave and Provident Fund.

Shimoga District:

At a public meeting of the workers of the Iron and Steel Works held at Nidige (about 6 miles from Bhadravathi) on the 1st instant, Mr. K.R.Madhava Rao, advocate of Shimoga, condemned the order of the District Magistrate under Section 39 M.P.A. banning public meetings at Bhadravathi and threatened the authorities with a strike if they did not change their attitude towards the workers.

The District Magistrate, Shimoga, has extended his order passed on 25-11-41 under section 39 M.P.A. banning public meetings at Bhadravathi for a further period of two months from 25-1-42.

Kolar Gold Field:

At a General meeting of the Champion Reef Labour Association held on 31-1-42, Mr. K. Changalaraya Reddi the President, promised to get the orders under section 17 of the Mysore Mining Act banning the entry of A.T. Laxmana Mudaliyar and others into the Mining Area withdrawn, and to introduce spinning and weaving among the workers to remove unemployment.

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

Feby. 7, 1942.

M.G.Mehkri, Esq.,B.A.,LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to Govt.,

9th February 2

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Dear Raja Gowda,

I am desired to forward herewith a weekly report relating to the political events in the State for the week ending Saturday, the 31st January 1942.

Yours Sincerely
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Major A.E.H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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E.G.B. Peel, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

Bangalore,
Dated February 14, 1942.

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Dear Mr. Mehkri

I enclose for the information of Government, the Political Weekly Report, in duplicate, for the week ending Saturday, the 14th February 1942.

Yours sincerely,
E.G.B. Peel

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THE POLITICAL WEEKLY REPORT.

(For the week ending Feby., 14, 1942).

CONGRESS MOVEMENT

The next meeting of the Working Committee of the Mysore Congress will be held at Mysore on the 16th February 1942.

In pursuance of the instructions issued by the Mysore Congress to observe the 10th February as a ' Day of Protest ', public meetings were held at Bangalore and other District Centres and resolutions condemning the action of the Government in arresting Messrs: H.C. Dasappa and T. Siddalingiah under the Defence of India Rules were passed.

Mr. H.C. Dasappa, who has been prosecuted under the Defence of India Rules, is understood to have been advised by Mr. Gandhi to defend himself in court. Mr. K.Pattabhiraman the General Secretary of the Mysore Congress, who had an interview in this connection with Messrs: H.C. Dasappa and T. Siddalingiah at Shimoga, is awaiting further instructions from Mr. Gandhi.

PROSECUTIONS

K.S. Kumaran, member of the " Progressive"Groups of Congress and a near-Communist, who delivered an objectionable speech at Mysore on the 4th instant is being prosecuted under Rules 34(6) and 38(1) & (5) of the Defence of India Rules. He was arrested on the 7th instant and remanded to custody till the 17th.

LABOUR

Bangalore City:

It is understood that Mr. V.V. GIRI intends to visit Bangalore to settle the differences between the Congress and Labour leaders in matters relating to Labour.

Mysore:

Following the representation of workers of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mills, Mysore, the authorities of the Mills have granted every worker a dearness allowanc of Rs.2/- per month from 1st January last to June next. The workers have, however, refused to take their wages on the ground that a general increment has not been granted.

Shimoga:

A Court of Arbitration with Mr. Justice T. Singa velu Mudaliyar as Chairman, and Messrs: D.V. Gundappa (presenting Labour), and Mohamed Abbas Khan (representir the Management) as members, has been constituted to set the differences between the workers and the Management the Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi. The Court held its first sitting on the 5th instant.

Messrs: S.L. Krishna and C.V. Badarayan have been elected President and Vice-President respectively of th Executive Committee of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works Labour Association.

Kolar Gold Field:

Mr. K.C. Phillips, Secretary of the Mysore Mine Labour Association, has issued printed notices in Tamil intimating that the Law Minister will be requeste to publish Mr. Matthan's Report and the Mining authorit to grant a dearness allowance.

Mr. L. Sundararaja Iyengar of Kuppam (a near-Commu has been elected President of the Brick-making Factory Labour Association, K.G.F.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

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Dear Sir,

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities for the week ending Saturday the 7th February 1942.

Yours sincerely
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Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I., J.P.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

14th February 2

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Dear Major Macann,

I am desired to forward herewith a weekly report relating to the political events in the State for the week ending Saturday, the 7th February 1942.

Yours sincerely,

Major A.E.H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident
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(Designation) Dist. Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore,

Post Box....., (STATION) .....Bangalore.....

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To

CHIEF SECRETARY
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M.G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

S.B.A. *No.* 7/42. *dated* Feb. 16, *1942*.

SIR,

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I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government, the Special Branch Abstract No.7/42, in triplicate, for the week ending Saturday, the 14th February 1942.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

U.K. Somappa

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

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For week ending 7-2-42.

The following matters should be reported on :-

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 14th February 1942.

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Congress Movement.

Propaganda.

Bangalore City:

Mr. K. Pattabhiraman met H.C. Dasappa in the jail at Shimoga and discussed about the arrested leaders' defence in view of a letter from Rajakumari Amrit Kaur. Congress leaders are expecting instructions from Mr. Gandhi in the matter.

In the Congress circle there is a talk that ~~xhe~~ 15 selected leaders will be arrested by the Government despite the good gestures on their part and the Congress President intends interviewing the Dewan about the 15th instant and then chalk out their policy a little later on.

The All Mysore Spinners' Association decided on 8-2-42 to chalk out a programme of their activities. A sum of Rs.400 has been donated by Mr. Madhava Krishniya of T.R. Mills.

It is learnt that the Mysore Congress Working Committee will meet on 16-2-42 in Mr. Chenniya's house at Mysore to discuss about the arrests of leaders.

Bangalore District:

On 5-2-42 one Chikke Gowda, a Congressite of Gollahalli made a highly inflammatory speech at Biskoor during Car festival, violating Defence of India Act Rules. In the course of ~~x~~ his-speech he condemned the present policy of the British in India and foretold disaster to the British in the present War.

Kadur District:

Mr. Veera Kesari Seetharama Sastri is reported to have visited Sringeri Mutt.

Shimoga District:

Messrs: S. Nijalingappa, K.T. Bhashyam, K. Pattabhiraman, B. Dyave Gowda, S. Chenniya, Mrs. H.C. Dasappa, T.T. Sharma, T. Mariappa went to Shimoga on 7-2-42 ~~xx~~ and ~~x~~ attended the Special Court in connection with the case against Congress leaders. They all returned the same night.

Mandya District:

Mr. T. Subramanyam met merchants of Mandya and Congressites and requested them to encourage Khadi Sales.

Conferences and Public meetings.

" Protest Day " meeting.

Bangalore City:

Mr. Bhashyam presided over the - -

" Protest Day " meeting on 10-2-42 in the Municipal Gardens and condemned the arrest of Mrs. Rangaramiah, Dasappa, Siddalingiah and Kumaran. Messrs: K. Hanumanthiah, Ramalal Thivari, G. Nanjappa, K. Shamaraja Iyengar also spoke. They demanded the immediate release of the arrested persons.

Bangalore District:
"Protest Day " meetings were held at Gollarahalli, Doddaballapur and Messrs. Chikke Gowda, Bhadranna spoke in the above meetings demanding the immediate release of the arrested Congress leaders.

Mysore District:
" Protest Day " meetings were held in Subbarayanakere Maidan on 5-2-42 and resolutions were passed condemning the arrests of the congressmen, viz., Rangaramiah, Dasappa, Siddalingiah and Kumaran. The following persons spoke. B.Narayana Swamy, S. Channiya, T.S. Rajagopala Iyengar, B. Subbaraya Upadhyaya, M.N. Jois, T. Mariappa, T. Narasimha Iyengar on 5-2-42 and Messrs: Seetharamiah, E.P. Nanjappa, Agaram Rangiah and T. Mariappa spoke on 10-2-42.

T. Mariappa on 10-2-42 condemned the Municipal administration by the President who is characterised as inactive and distrusting Congressites and urged for a non-official President.

On 4-2-42 there was a meeting in Subbarayanakere maidan where Mr. K.S. Kumaran made an objectionable speech.

Hassan District:
On 10-2-42 in Hassan and Arsikere there were " Protest Day " meetings where arrests of Congress leaders were condemned.

Kadur District:
"Protest Day" meeting was held at Chickmagalur on 10-2-42 and Messrs. Annappa Setty, C.V. Dhruva Rao, B.P. Basappa Setty and B. Dyave Gowda condemned the arrests of Congress leaders and passed a resolution to that effect.

Shimoga District:
At the "Protest Day" meeting held at Shimoga on 10-2-42 Mr. H. Siddiya presided. He and Mrs. H.S. Rudrappa, K. Raghavendra Rao, B.R. Puttanajappa, D.S. Divakar addressed the gathering and passed a resolution condemning the arrests of Ranramiya and others.

Chitaldrug District:
In the " Protest Day " meeting held on 11-2-42, Messrs. Veerabasappa, A. Bhimappa Naik and L. Bheema Kumar spoke and passed a resolution condemning arrests of Congress leaders.

Tumkur District:
"Protest Day" meetings were also held at Arsikere in Pavgada taluk, Pavgada Town and Tumkur, and Messrs. Nanjunda Rao in Pavgada and T. Subramanya in Tumkur spoke condemning the arrests of Congress leaders.

Labour Agitation.

Bangalore City:

Messrs. K.S. Ramachandra Setty, Ananda Murthy, Krishna Bhatta and Bheemakumar are trying to popularise themselves with local labour.

Mr. Bhashyam is understood to have written to all Labour associations about literacy campaign and formation of a Volunteer Corps and asking for a subscription of 5% of their collections towards the measures.

Mr. Bhashyam is said to have requested Binny's Mill authorities to allow the collections of subscriptions of Labour Association inside the Mills. This has not been yet responded to.

Mr. V.V. Giri is expected to come to Bangalore to settle differences between Congress and Labour Union leaders.

On 11-2-42 Messrs. Bhashyam, Kallur Subba Rao, Thimma Reddi and Ramalingam addressed the labourers near Mysore Mills regarding their attitude and conduct towards the labour associations and also condemned the Government for arresting Congress leaders.

A little rivalry is noticed by Bhashyam regarding collection of rents for rooms between Congress office and Labour Associations located in the Congress Office.

Ramaiya, a dismissed worker of Binny Mills is employed in Taragupet in a Soap Factory.

Bangalore District:

The strike in the Soldevanahalli Stoneware and Potteries' Works which had spread has been peacefully settled and the Coolies have returned to work.

Mysore District:

The Chairman of Krishnarajendra Mills has announced a grant of 2 ruppes "dearness allowance" The workers have refused to have their wages for January 1942 as no general increment in daily wages is granted. Work is being peacefully attended to.

Shimoga District:

The election of Executive Committee Members of the Mysore Iron Works and Labour Association took place on 8-2-42. About 749 labourers voted. The following is the elected personnel:

President - Mr. S.L. Krishna; Vice-president - Mr. C.V. Badarayan; Treasurer - K. Chidambara Rao; Secretary - H.K. Puttiah; Asst. Secretary - G. Gurunatha Pillai;

Executive Committee members: 1) G.V. Narasimhamurthi, 2) Parasuram Salunke, 3) Pundarikan, 4) K. Kempiah, 5) K. Subramanya Pillai, 6) Abdul Wahab Khan, 7) A.K. Nair, 8) H.B. Ramaswami, 9) R.V. Ranganna, 10)K. Manjappa, 11) B. Rama Rao, 12) H. Srinivasa Rao, 13) Mayasetti Gowda, 14) Khaji Nizamuddin, 15) R.S. Dheerachar, 16) Singari Gowda, 17)Balaji Singh & 18) V.B. Fernandez.

On 8-2-42 the Secretary of the Paper Mills Labour Association tried to get permission to hold a second General Body meeting but it was not granted.

The Arbitration Court is sitting at Bhadravathi. Messrs. S.V.K. Murthy and Narayan Bhat are appearing on behalf of the Association. Mr. Venkata Subba Shastri is representing the Management. The following issues are framed: (1) whether the registration of ~~an~~ the agreement dated 17-1-42 between the Bhadravathi Iron Works Labour Association and Management is erroneous; 2) whether it is to be cancelled; 3) whether Mr. Desikan was wrongly dismissed and 4) whether Mr. Siddoji Rao was wrongly discharged.

Kolar Gold Field:

On 5-2-42 K.C. Phillips, Secretary of the Mysore Mine Association issued notices in Tamil embodying the resolutions of the Association calling upon 1) the publication of Mr. Matthan's report, 2) the granting of "dearness allowance."

At a General Body meeting of Brick-making Factory Labour Association held on 8-2-42 the Labour Assistant Commissioner announced the duly elected office-bearers and he explained the aims of the Association. Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar of Kuppam was elected President of the Association.

Messrs. Sundararaja Iyengar and Chengalraya Reddi, Sambandan and Mahimanathan told the labourers that the objects of the Association would be achieved though there may be obstacles. Sundararaja Iyengar advised them not to have recourse to strikes, etc. Some labourers objected to the recent arr-ests of Congress leaders. There was a General Body meeting of the Oorgaum Labour Association on 10-2-42 and Labour Assistant Commissioner presided. Mr. T. Ramachandra enlightened the gathering about their duties and responsibilities and the dire results of unconstitutional strikes and about the advantages of Arbitration. Meeting ended with cheers to Labour Assistant Commissioner.

Prosecutions.

Mysore District:

Mr. K.S. Kumaran (externee from Bangalore) was arrested on 7-2-42 for the offence of "Prejudicial Act" under Rule 34 (6) (e) & (k) and Rule 38 (1) (a) & (5) of the Defence of India Act as applied to Mysore, as a result of his speech on 4-2-42 already adverted to in S.B.A.6/42. The case was posted for 9-2-42 and accused remanded by the City Magistrate, Mysore. It was further adjourned to 17-2-42. Mr. T.S. Rajagopala Iyengar moved for bail which was rejected.

Shimoga District:

Trials.

Mr. H.C. Dasappa/cross-examined the Prosecution witnesses in the case against him on 7-2-42. Case is adjourned to 9-2-42 for further evidence.

Mr.T. Siddalingiah also cross-examined the Prosecution witnesses. Case was adjourned to 9-2-42. Important Congress leaders attended the ~~X~~ Court at Shimoga during trial on 7-2-42.

Miscellaneous.

Bangalore City:

One S.V. Ramanna, formerly an active Congressite is employed in the Hindustan Aircraft Factory.

Mr. M. Rama Murthi, editor of "The States Chronicle" has published in Kannada, a booklet ~~treating~~ on " Japan's thirst for Empire " (ಜಪಾನಿನ ಸಾಮ್ರಾಜ್ಯ ದಾಹ).

Kadur District:

VI Form (C) Section students struck work on 7-2-42 on the refusal of the Head Master to give permission to hold a Variety Entertainment in the High School.

N.D. Shankar, detenu, ~~at~~ in the District Jail, is said to have threatened "fasting" since the District Magistrate refused an interview to him with M.R. Venkataramiah of Khadi Bhandar, Chickmagalur.

Chitaldrug District:

A Union called " ಯುವಕ ಸಂಘ " (Youth League) was formed on 5-2-42 at Chitaldrug Town.

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U.K. Somappa,

Bangalore,)
D:17-2-42.)

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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19th February 2

Dear Major Macann,

I am desired to forward herewith a weekly report relating to the political events in the State for the week ending Saturday, the 14th February 1942.

Yours sincerely,

Major A.E.H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

No. 2891/CB
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19th February 2

Confidential.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities for the week ending Saturday, the 14th February 1942.

Yours Sincerely,

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I., J.P.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

S E C R E T.

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

No. No.6/41-42/S.B.
Encl. (2 reports)

Bangalore, dated Feb: 21, 1942.

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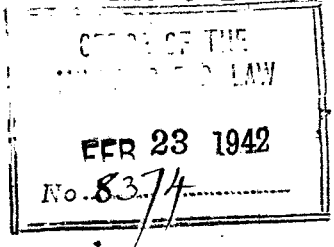
The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,
Bangalore.

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.



I have the honour to enclose for the information of Government, the Political Weekly Report, in duplicate, for the week ending Saturday, the 21st February 1942.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Inspector-General of Police.
(Absent from Headquarters.)

THE POLITICAL WEEKLY REPORT.

(For the week ending February 21, 1 9 4 2.)
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CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress which met at Mysore on the 16th and 17th instant passed a resolution expressing resentment at the arrests of Messrs: H.C. Dasappa, T. Siddalingiah and others, and the extension of the prohibitory orders banning public meetings at Bhadravathi and Kolar Gold Field. The Committee also decided that Congressmen should immediately take on hand vigorous propaganda and intensive constructive work with a view to educate and prepare the people to shoulder responsibilities that may fall on them.

The Fifth Session of the Mysore Congress Convention has been decided to be held at Thittamaranahalli, Channapatna Taluk on the 27th, 28th and 29th March next.

Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddi has been placed in charge of Civil Defence Organisation proposed to be formed by the Congress.

LABOUR.

Bangalore City:

At a public meeting of the workers of the Mysore Mills held on the 11th instant, Messrs: N.C. Thimma Reddi, K.T. Bhashyam and Kallur Subba Rao (of Hindupur taluk) condemned the arrest of K.S. Kumaran, Secretary of the Mysore Mills Labour Association, and expressed appreciation of the co-operation of the workers with the Association.

A copy of the " Trade Union Record " published by the All India Trade Union, Bombay, has been received by the Textile Labour Union, Bangalore, which has been requested to send information regarding the Labour activities in the State for incorporation in the next issue of the journal.

Mysore:

Addressing a public meeting of the workers of the Mysore State Railway Workshops held at Mysore on the 16th instant, Messrs: H. Siddiah and K.T. Bhashyam advised them to form an association under the new Labour Act and then put forth their demands constitutionally.

Kolar Gold Field:

At a meeting of the labourers held on the 18th instant at the Oriental Lines, Kolar Gold Field, M. Kutty Krishna Nair, Assistant Secretary of the Nandidroog Labour Association, advised the workers to demand a dearness allowance in view of the high prices of food-stuffs, the payment of bonus along with pay and the privilege of gratuity at the end of 5 years' service.

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Bangalore,)
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For Inspector-General of Police.
5/21/2 (Absent from Headquarters.)

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No. G. 8383-440/G. M. 3-41-33 Bangalore, Dated, 11th February 1942.

Official Memorandum.

The following Tour Programme of the Minister for Law for the month of February 1942 in the Districts of Kolar and Shimoga, is forwarded for information and guidance:-

February 1942.		
14th	7-20 a.m.	Leave Bangalore for Bowringpet enroute to Oorgaum (K.G.F.) by Madras Express.
15th	Morning	Leave Oorgaum for Bowringpet enroute to Bangalore by Bangalore Passenger.
"	9-20 p.m.	Leave Bangalore for Sagar by train.
16th	Morning	Sagar to Jog.
16th to 18th		Halt at Jog-Public Works and Electrical Committee Meetings.
18th	Afternoon	Jog to Sagar.
18th	5-25 p.m.	Leave Sagar by train for Bangalore.
19th	6-50 a.m.	Arrive at Bangalore.

The Travellers' Bungalows at the places to be visited by the Minister will be reserved for his use on the days referred to in the programme.

M. G. MEHKRI,
Secretary to Government,
P. W., El. & Ry. Departments.

To--The Secretaries to Government.
The Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Kolar and Shimoga Districts.
The Presidents of District Boards of Kolar and Shimoga
The Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee. [Districts.
The Secretary, Industrial Research Board, Bangalore.
The Superintending Engineer, Mysore Circle, Mysore.
The Superintending Engineer, Shimoga Circle, Shimoga.
The Superintending Engineer, Jog Falls Project, Hirebhasgar.
The Electrical Adviser to Government, Bangalore.

THE PRESS TABLE.

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My dear McCann,

I am desired to forward herewith a weekly report relating to the political events in the State for the week ending Saturday the 10th January 1942.

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Major A.E.H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

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From (Name) U.K. Somappa, Esq., B.A.,

(Designation) Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore,
Post Box....., (STATION) .....Bangalore.....

Telegraphic Address ....

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To

H.G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

S.B.A. *No.*..8/42.....*dated*.....23rd....Feb....*1942*.

SIR,

SUBJECT.

S.B. Report No.8/42 dated 23rd. February 1942 for the week ending Saturday the 21st February 1942.

I have the honour to submit herewith

ation of Government, the Special

t No.8/42, in triplicate, for the

aturday, the 21st February 1942.

Submitted for perusal.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

U.K. Somappa
Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Special Branch Report,

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For week ending.....February..21,...1

The following matters should be reported on :

(*a*) Political.
(*b*) Social and Economic.
(*c*) Religious.
(*d*) Government Officers.
(*e*) Foreigners.
(*f*) Press.
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(*h*) Proscribed literature.
(*i*) Drama and Cinemas.
(*j*) Smuggling.
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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 21st February, 1942.

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Congress Movement

PERSONNEL

Bangalore City:

Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddi is reported to have been appointed in place of Mr. T. Siddalingiah to take charge of the A.R.P. measures proposed by the Congress.

Bangalore District:

The All Mysore Congress Conference is to take place at Thittamaranhalli for 3 days from 27-3-42. The Congress Reception Committee held its meeting at Channapatna on 12-2-42.

Mysore District:

Mr. T. Subramanyam has been elected as the acting President of the Mysore Parliamentary Sub-committee and Mr. Channiah as one of the members thereof.

In connection with the elections to the Mysore Congress for 1942, the undermentioned persons have been appointed as Election Officers for the respective taluks:- Mr. S. Narayana Rao (Nanjangud Taluk); Mr. Gopala Rao (Chamarajanagar tk.); Mr. T.A. Boriah (T.Narasipur tk.); Mr. H.S. Ramanna (Gundlupet tk.); Mr. C. Dasappa (Heggadadevanakote tk.); Mr. G.Krishna Murthy(Hunsur & Periyapatna tks.); Mr. R.B. Puttabasappa ((Krishnarajanagar tk.); Mr. Srinivasachar (Yelandur tk.); & Mr. Chowdiah (Mysore tk.).

PROPAGANDA

Bangalore City:

The Municipal Congress party met on the 15th instant and discussed the question of moving a vote of ' No Confidence' against the Municipal Commissioner;but no final decision was arrived at, owing to the poor attendance of members. Signatures of some members are said to have been taken to a letter urging the pursuit of this matter and efforts are being made in the meanwhile, to bring about good understandings between the President and the Municipal Commissioner. There was a public meeting organised by the party members of the Municipal Council presided over by Mr.L.S. Raju. Messrs: K. Hanumanthiah and others spoke explaining the good work turned out by the present Body.

Mysore District:

The Mysore Congress Working Committee held its meetings on the 16th and 17th instant in Mr. Channiah's house and discussed about the recent arrests, holding of the Fifth A.M.C.C.; elected some

office bearers (vide paras 1,2,3 supra), and resolved on issuing a Press Statement touching the arrests of congress leaders. Mr. H. Siddiah presided.

Shimoga District:
On 13-2-42, Congress President Mr. Siddiah and some others had a procession in the Rampur Jathra when they went there to hold a congress meeting [illegible]

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Bangalore City:
The Mysore Congress Working Committee which met at Mysore on the 16th and 17th instant is said to have passed a Resolution demanding the grant of an Interim Popular Government on the model of a National Government demanded by the Indian Congress.

Bangalore District:
The Working Committee of the Congress Reception Committee of Channapatna is reported to be collecting money for the A.M.C.C.

Mandya District:
The congressites of Nagamangala held a public meeting and condemned the arrest of the congress leaders.

Hassan District:
There was a public meeting on the 15th at Arakalgud presided over by Sampath Iyengar. Messrs: Panchakshraiah, R.S. Gundu Ramiah and A.G. Ramachandra Rao spoke to the small gathering about the present state of the country, war and arrest of congress leaders.

Shimoga District:
On 13-2-42, a public meeting was held in Rampur Jathra. Messxxxx H. Siddiah presided. Messrs: A. Badari Narayan, H.S. Rudrappa, K. Raghavendra Rao addressed the audience about the congress attitude towards war - one of co-operation with the Government and the undesirable arrests of congress leaders now inspite of their co-operation.

LABOUR

Bangalore District:
A further issue of the Trade Union Record has been sent by the All India Trade Union, Bombay, calling for all information regarding State Labour, for incorporation in the journal.

Binny Mills Management have allowed the xxxxxxxx xxxxxxx collection of subscriptions of workers to the Association on Pay Day through the departments of Mills.

There is lock-out in Muddiah's Silk Throwing Factory. The Management have asked the Labour Commissioner ~~to declare it~~ illegal. The labourers are offered employment at K.R. Mills.

The Koday Eswara Silk Throwing Factory have legalised :he notice of discharge according to Labour Act. The :oncerned labour Associations propose requesting the Manage ient to re-enlist 3 of the dismissed workmen early.

Mysore District:

A public meeting was held in the Subba-'ayanakere maidan on 16-2-42 by the Railway workers. One 'yed Abdulla alias Pyaru (Ex-artisan, General Fitting hop and ex-president of the Mysore Railway Workshop Asso-:iation) exerted himself to bring about the meeting. Mr. H. Siddiah presided. Mr. K.T. Bhashyam and the 'resident spoke on the occasion. About 400 workmen ttended. The speakers dwelt on the disabilities of orkers and the measures they have to take for the redres: f their grievances in a united manner.

There was another public meeting of Railway employee: n 17-2-42 in Subbarayanakere maidan with Mr. T. Mariappa s president. He spoke about the Labour Act and its hortcomings such as want of provisions for federation f Labour Associations.

On 16-2-42, Mr. Bhashyam spoke about Home Industries nd Co-operation under the auspices of Mysore City Co-perative Bank. The Secretary Mr. P. Seetharamiah had rranged the meeting.

Shimoga District:

The Arbitration Court at Bhadravathi losed its sessions on 13-2-42. Some 50 labourers came o the Railway Station and garlanded the arbitrators.- essrs: Gundappa and Abbhaskhan advised the labourers uitably regarding the use of their leisure hours.

On 11-2-42, there was a meeting of the Executive ommittee members of the Paper Mills' Labour Association, abour Commissioner and General Manager were also pre-ent. The ' demands ' were discussed. The 'Shut down' f Rolling Mills is disappointing to the workers.

olar Gold Fields:

About 800 labourers of the Mysore ine Labour Association held a meeting on 16-2-42. Vice-resident Mr. Anthony presided. Mr. Ramachandra also ttended. The President explained to them the work that ay before them. He also adverted to the request that hey have been making for publishing Matthan's Report. binezer and his party tried to create disturbance during he meeting. The president deprecated any attempt at he split of the Association.

A bout 400 labourers met at the Oriental Lines on 8-2-42. Mr. Gangadharan presided. Mr. Kutti Krishna air spoke. The subject matter consisted of the demand f gratuity and discharge of medically unfit without dequate compensation. The lecturer impressed upon oyalty towards the Company authorities and constitutiona gitation regarding grievances.

EVACUEES

angalore City:

One Miss Gurupadam, an evacuee from Rango

was warned against delivering speeches creating panic and scare.

Some labourers are reported to be moving to rural area owing to a scare that Bangalore would be bombed.

Kolar Gold Field:

Sir H. Colam is reported to have met the Superintendents of the Mines to discuss the means of accommodating evacuees.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The ' Yuvaka Sangha ' of Chitaldrug met on 14-2-42. Some students and Messrs: Nijalingappa, Bhimappa Naik, Kottre Eswarappa (Vice-president of the Sangha) spoke. The gathering was about 200. Unanimity was urged.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,
Feby.23, 1942.

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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Major A.E.H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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25th February 2

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Dear Sir ~~Charles Todhunter,~~

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the State received from the several Districts for the week ending Saturday the 21st February 1942.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,J.P.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

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G.B. PEEL, Esq., C,I,E.,
Inspector-General of
Police in Mysore.

BANGALORE,
Feby. 28, 1942.

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Dear Mr. Mehkri

I enclose for the information of Government, the Political Weekly Report, in duplicate, for the week ending Saturday, the 28th February 1942.

(* ~~no copy has been sent to the Residency~~)

Yours sincerely
G.B. Peel

Letter for perusal
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M.G. MEHKRI, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

THE POLITICAL WEEKLY REPORT.

(For the week ending Saturday, the 28th Feb:1942)

CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy intends to train 200 volunteers for the Civil Defence Organisation which Congress proposes to form. He has already appointed District and Taluk Organisers to be in charge of the work.

Mr. Madhava Krishnan, Proprietor of the T.R. Mills, Bangalore City, is understood to have given a sum of Rs.201/- towards the expenses of the Fifth Mysore Congress Convention.

To celebrate the 18th Anniversary of the " Red Army " a public meeting was held at Bangalore on the 23rd instant when N.N. Chandur, Royist, and K.S. Ramachandra Setty, a labour leader externed from the Shimoga District, spoke on the " Red Army and its work " and the " Menace of Fascism."

HINDU MAHASABHA.

At a meeting of the workers of the Hindu Mahasabha held on the 21st instant with Mr. Bhoopalam Chandrasekhara Setty as President, resolutions (1) to arrange for a deputation to H.H. the Maharaja to express the feelings of the Hindus regarding their inadequate representation in the services and (2) requesting the Hindus to join the Police and the Military in large numbers and to form Civil Defence Volunteer Corps in each village, town and Mohalla were passed.

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LABOUR.

Bangalore City:

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam intends to start a Literacy Campaign among the working classes of Bangalore City and has issued printe notices appealing for contributions for the relief of workers discharged from the mills.

The Management of Binny's Mills have announced a 12½% bonus (based on the dividend) to the staff of the Mills.

Mysore:

At a General Meeting of the worker of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mills on the 22nd instant, resolutions requesting the authorities to grant (1) four days' leave ~~xxx~~ with pay (2) dearness allowance of Rs.2-13-0 per month and (3) the benefit of a Provident Fund were passed

Shimoga:

The Court of Arbitration which enquired into the differences between the workers and the Management of the Iron and Steel Works has held that the registration of the agreement dated 17-11-41 between the workers and the Mana ment cannot be cancelled and that the dismissa of Deshikan and Siddoji Rao was wrong and direc that they should be re-instated from the date c suspension.

Kolar Gold Field:

Printed notices in Tamil were distributed by S. Mahimanathan, Secretary of th Champion Reef Labour Association, exhorting the

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exhorting the labourers to unite under the leadership of Mr. K. Changalaraya Reddi, their President, and intimating that efforts were being made to get the order of deportation against Lakshmana Modaliya withdrawn.

PROSECUTION.

Messrs: H.C. Dasappa and T. Siddalingiah who were prosecuted under the Defence of India Rules have been convicted under Rule 34 (6)(a)(a) & (by the Special First Class Magistrate, Shimoga and sentenced to 15 months' R.I. and a fine of Rs.150/- each; in default to suffer 6 weeks' R.I.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE.

Bangalore,)
D:28-2-42.)

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

Received..... *Registered*.....

From (Name) U.K. Somappa, Esq., B.A.,

(Designation) Superintendent of Police, Special Branch in Mysore,

Post Box....., (STATION) Bangalore.

Telegraphic Address .....

To

M.G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,

Bangalore.

S.B.A. *No.* 9/42. *dated* 3rd March *194*2

SIR,

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have the honour to submit herewith

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S.B.Report No.9/42 dated the 3rd March 1942, for the week ending 28th Feby. 1942.

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Saturday, the 28th February 1942.

I have the honor to be,

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Your most obedient servant,

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

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For week ending 28th February 1942.

The following matters should be reported on :—

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S.B.A. No.9/42.

Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 28th February 1942.

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Congress Movement

PERSONNEL

Shimoga District:

Mr. Kesrodi Krishnamurthy, advocate, Shimoga, has been selected as the District Organiser of the A.R.P. measures proposed by the Congress.

For the selection of candidates for the ensuing A.M.C.C., the District Congress Committee has appointed Messrs: S.R. Nagappa Setty (Shimoga taluk), K. Raghavendra Rao (Thirthahally tk.), Mruthyanjaya Rao (Sagar tk.), Manjappa (Sorab tk.), T. Gurushanthappa (Shikaripur & Siralkoppa tks.), Anche Nagappa (Kumsi taluk) Saraganti Nagappa (Nyamathi), andKatulageri Rudrappa (Channagiri tk.) as election officers for their respective taluks.

PROPAGANDA

Bangalore City:

Mr. N.C. Thimmareddy who is placed in charge of civil defence by the Congress is reported to have drawn up a programme to train 200 volunteers and to have formulated District and Taluk Organisations.

The Parliamentary Sub-committee of the Mysore Congress met on the 24th instant. Mr. T. Subramanyam presided. The controversy between Messrs: Chikkalingiah and Krishnappa Gowda regarding the holding of the office of the District Board President, Mandya District, was discussed and no decision was arrived at.

Election propaganda meetings were held on the 20th and 21st instants in Chamarajapet Constituency and Messrs: K. Hanumanthiah, K.T. Bhashyam, T.Subramanyam S. Nijalingappa, Sahukar Chenniah, K. Pattabhiraman, V.S. Narayana Rao and Malavalli Veerappa exhorted the gathering to vote for Congress candidates.

Mr. C.N. Narasinga Rao who stood as an independent candidate for the Chamarajapet Constituency is elected to the City Municipal Council.

The defeat of the Congress candidate from Chamarajapet Constituency came up for decision at the Party meeting of the councillors and there was a feeling among the members that Mr. K. Hanumanthiah was the cause for the failure.

The Congress Party members of the Municipal Council are reported to have referred the question of moving a vote of ' No-Confidence ' against the Municipal Commissioner, to the Parliamentary Sub-committee of the Mysore Congress.

Mr. H. Siddiah, President of the Congress, is reported to have been asked to take up a propaganda tour in several districts in connection with the bye-elections to the Legislatures consequent on the decisions by the Election Commissioner.

Mysore District:

At the special meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Congress members of the Municipal Council held on 10-2-42 it was resolved to present a Civic Address to Mr. H. Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress, on 25-2-42.

Mr. H. Siddiah arrived in Mysore City on 25-2-42 and the congress members of the Municipal Council were at home to him in the premises of their office, Devaraj Market. About 150 persons participated in the function and Mr. T. Mariappa spoke criticising the attitude of the Government towards the Congress. In the night a dinner in honour of Mr. Siddiah was arranged by the Municipal Congress party at Jaggulal Choultry and about 200 persons attended.

Kadur District:

Messrs: B.P. Basappa Setty and Bagamane Dyavegowda, local congress leaders, made propaganda tours in Koppa, Sringeri, Narasimharajapura, Tarikere, Kadur, Birur and Aldur.

Chitaldrug District:

Mr. S. Vasudeva Rao, Secretary of the District Congress Committee, Chitaldrug, has circulated printed pamphlets announcing the tour programme of Mr. H. Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress, in the district from the 27th instant to the 9th March. Confidential instructions are learnt to have also issued to make the tour a success and to arrange to present purses to him.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Bangalore City:

Messrs: N.N. Chandur, Political suspect of Bangalore City and Ramachandra Setty, externee from Bhadravathi, styling themselves as Congress Radicals, addressed public meetings (gatherings about 50) on the 22nd and 23rd instant in the Municipal garden, on ' The Menace of Fascism ' and on ' The Red Army and Its Work '.

Mysore District:

On 25-2-42, Mr. H. Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress was presented with an Address by the members of the Municipal Congress Party in the Town Hall, Mysore. About 500 persons attended the function. Mr. P. Seetharamiah read the Address.

A public meeting under the auspices of the City Congress Committee (gathering about 500 persons) was held in the Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore, on 25-2-42 under the presidentship of Mr. H. Siddiah. Mr. Sahukar Chenniah presented a purse containing Rs.401/- to Mr. Siddiah. Messrs: K. Pattabhiraman, K.T. Bhashyam, S. Chenniah and H. Siddiah made speeches.

Kolar Gold Field:

On 21-2-42, a public meeting was held at Robertsonpet under the auspices of the K.C.R. Young Men's Association and Mr. H. Siddiah addressed the gathering of about 200 persons and exhorted the audience to be organised and disciplined and to carry on the service for the country with fortitude.

On the same day a Khadi Vasthralaya named ' Kamala Nehru Khadi Vasthralaya ' was opened at Robertsonpet by Mrs. Annapurnamma Thimmareddi and Mr. H. Siddiah presided. About 1,000 persons had gathered. Messrs: K.C. & Changalaraya Reddi, Siddiah and Thimma Reddi and Srimathi Annapurnamma spoke on the greatness of Srimathi Kamala Nehru and exhorted the audience to wear khaddar.

THE HINDU MAHASABHA

Mysore Dist.

A meeting of the workers of the Hindu Mahasabha was held in the office of advocate Mr. K. Seshadri, Mysore, on 21-2-42. Mr. Bhoopalam Chandrasekhara Setty of Shimoga presided and Messrs: K. Seshadri, Sangappa of Shimoga and two others attended the meeting. Several resolutions were passed. It was resolved that the next Session of the Sabha should be held at Siddaganga in Tumkur District.

LABOUR AGITATION

Bangalore City:

A public meeting of the Minerva Mills workers was held on 19-2-42 under the presidentship of Mr. Malavalli Veerappa. About 250 labourers had gathered. Messrs: Bhashyam and the president addressed the gathering exhorting them to suppport the association.

The Executive Committee of the Mysore Mills Association met at Srirampuram on 22-2-42 and passed a series of resolutions regarding their demands.

The president of the Workers' Association of Muddiah's Silk Throwing Factory is reported to have addressed the Registrar of Associations to declare the lock-out as illegal.

Mr. Bhashyam is reported to be studying literatures connected with literacy campaign received from Bombay with a view to start similar campaigns in the City among the labourers from 1-3-42. He has also appealed to the workers for liberal contribution towards the Relief Fund in aid of the discharged workers of the Mills.

The Mysore Mills Association passed a resolution on 22-2-42 that the Indian Samyadharma Sangha Night School at Srirampuram should be called " The Mysore Mills Labour Association Night School "thereafter.

Mysore District:

A General Body meeting of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mills' Workers' Association was held at Narasimharaja Mohalla, Mysore, on 22-2-42. Mr. T. Mariappa presided and about 300 workers attended. Messrs: A.Krishna Murthy, Rukmoji Rao and the president advised them to accept the dearness aloowance offered by the Management. Resolutions regarding their claims and privileges were passed.

Shimoga District:

On 22-2-42, the Court of Arbitration passed orders holding the registration of the agreement in question was not erroneous and that the dismissal of Desikan and Siddoji Rao was wrongful and that they should be reinstated from the date of their suspension. Desikan and Siddoji Rao have now been taken back to duty.

On the same evening the executive committee members of the Paper Mills Labour Association, Bhadravathi, met the General Manager and the Registrar of Labour Associations and discussed about the demands made by them. No settlement was arrived at . Mr. K. Seshagiri Sastry, Secretary of the Association, seems to have expressed that there could not be any settlement unless the first two demands are met.

On the same day, a public meeting of the labourers of the Mysore Iron & Steel Works was held near Nidige village to congratulate themselves on their success in the Court of Arbitration and to express their appreciation of the services of the lawyers who defended them, About 200 labourers and a few villagers attended. Messrs: K.R. Madhava Rao, K. Narayanabhatta, S.V. Krishnamurthy, S.L. Krishna and Seshagiri Sastry made speeches.

Kolar Gold Field:

On 20-2-42 Mr. S. Mahimanathan, Secretary of the Champion Reef Labour Association, distributed Tamil Printed notices exhorting the labourers to be united under the president Mr. Chengalaraya Reddi and to pay their subscriptions to the Association regularly.

Meetings were also held by the other Labour Associations on the Field and the advantages of Labour Associations were explained to the labourers and they were advised to pay their subscriptions regularly.

On the evening of 23-2-42, one Mr. Hudson of the Gifford Shaft is reported to have given two or three blows to Jumper cooly Govindarajalu as the latter behaved insolently having disobeyed his instructions in the Gifford Shaft. The latter at the instigation of the other coolies retaliated and also gave a petition to Mr. Best, the acting Chief Mining Agent, the Champion Reef Mine, who said that he could not do anything in the matter and appeared to have asked him to go over to the General Office the next day. The Committee members of the Champion Reef Labour Association seem to have discussed the matter and decided to inform Mr. Changalaraya Reddi.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chitaldrug District:

On 19-2-42 a public meeting under the auspices of the "Chitaldrug Yuvaka Sangha" was held at Chitaldrug. Mr. P.V. Narasinga Rao, District Educational Officer, presided and about 20 persons attended. Mr. S.V. Srinivasa Rao, Secretary of the Mysore Literacy Association, spoke on "Adult Education" urging for the necessity of taking up literacy campaign. Lakshmikantha Bhimakumar and some others are reported to have volunteered

their services.

On 23-2-42, a public meeting was held in the Chitaldrug Co-operative Society to draw up a scheme for Literacy Campaign. Mr. B. Marulappa, Public Prosecutor, presided and about 50 persons had gathered.

On 22-2-42, Mr. T.T. Sharma opened the Chitaldrug Youth League Free Reading Room on the upstairs of the Chitaldrug Savings Bank Buildings.

Kolar District:

On 20-2-42 some Hindus who were going in front of the Mosque at Dadinaikanapalya, Goribidanur taluk, with music were beaten by a group of Mohammedans led by Miya Sabi and sustained injuries. A case under Sections 143,149,324 I.P.C. has been registered and is under investigation by the Taluk Police Inspector.

PROSECUTIONS

On 23-2-42, Mr. H.C. Dasappa was convicted under Rule 34, sub-rule 6, Clauses (a) and (e) of the Defence of India Rules and was sentenced to undergo 15 months' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs.150/- in default to suffer 6 weeks' R.I. by the Special First Calss Magistrate, Shimoga, in C.C. No.800/41-42. Mr. T. Siddalingiah was sentenced to suffer similar punishment under clause (c) of Rule 34 of Defence of India Rules in C.C. No. 801/-41-42 on the same day. Both of them were removed to the Bangalore Central Jail, Bangalore, on the same night.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,
March 3, '42.

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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4th March 2

Dear Sir,

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the State received from the several Districts for the week ending Saturday the 28th February 1942.

Yours sincerely,

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Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I., J.P.,
Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of
Mysore.

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3rd March 2

Dear Major Macann,

I am desired to forward herewith a weekly report relating to the political events in the State for the week ending Saturday the 28th February 1942.

Yours sincerely,

Major A.E.H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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D.O. No. 6/1941-42/S.B. Encl. (2 reports)

E.G.B. PEEL, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of
Police in Mysore.

BANGALORE,
March 7, 1942.

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Dear Mr. Mehkri

I enclose for the information of Government the Political Weekly Report in duplicate for the week ending March 7, 1942.

Yours sincerely
E.G.B. Peel

M.G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Mysore.

THE POLITICAL WEEKLY REPORT

(For the week ending March 7, 1942)

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT

The Mysore Congress held a number of propaganda meetings in Chitaldrug District at which Mr. H. Siddiah and other prominent congress leaders condemned the action of the Government in arresting Messrs: H.C.Dasappa and T. Siddalingiah under the Defence of India Rules. At Davanagere, Mr. Siddiah was presented with an address by the Trades Association, and a purse containing Rs.251/- by Mr. Kasalu Srinivasa Setty, a prominent local congressman.

On 4-3-42 Mr. K.T. Bhashyam laid the foundation-ston of "Nehru Nagar" at Thittamaranahalli, Channapatna taluk, where the fifth session of the All Mysore State Congress Convention is to be held. The Reception Committee is busy making arrangements and collecting funds for the Convention.

A Civil Defence Committee consisting of congress and non-congress members has been formed with the Bangalo City Municipal President as chairman and Mr. V.S.Narayana Rao, a congressman, as Convenor.

According to a scheme drawn up by Mr. N.C.Thimma Red who has been made responsible for all congress A.R.P. acti vities, the presidents of the Taluk Congress Committees have been asked to act as presidents of the local Civil Defence Committees and to send two volunteers from each taluk to undergo training at the " Sikshana Samithi" at Bangalore.

LABOUR

Bangalore City:

A sum of Rs.130/- is said to have been

collected for the relief of the workers who were dismissed from Binny's Mills.

Kolar Gold Field:

At a meeting of the Mysore Mine Labour Association held on 27-2-42, Mr. P.R.K. Sharma observed that though Mr. Matthan's report had not been published his recommendations had actually been put into effect. He added that he was corresponding with the Government and the Mining authorities regarding the other privileges demanded by the workers. He also announced that Messrs: V.V. Giri of Madras and V.R. Kalappa of Nagpur had been invited to visit K.G.F.

At a meeting held under the auspices of the Ekamanya Balagangadhara Tilak Walibhar Sangham on the 4th instant, Mr. H. Sundararaja Iyengar of Kuppam expressed sympathy with the workers of Russia and accused the British of adopting a "divide and rule policy" in India.

VISITORS

Mrs. Mani Ben Kara, Secretary of the All India Radical Democratic Party, Bombay, and member of the Royist Group, arrived in Bangalore on the 5th instant with a youth called Ramesh, who is said to be her son. Mr. N.N. Chandur, the organiser of the Radical Democratic party in Bangalore, met her at the Hotel Brindavan where she is staying.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

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Finance and Revenue Minister.

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To

M.G. MEHKRI, Esquire, B.A., LL.B.,

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore, BANGALORE.

S.B.~~No~~ 10/42. *dated* March 9, *1942*

SIR,

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

U.K. Somappa

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE **District.**

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Congress Movement

PERSONNEL

Bangalore City:

The names of Messrs: T. Subramanyam, S. Nijalingappa and N.C. Thimma Reddy have been suggested for the presidentship of the forthcoming session of the Mysore Congress and the latter two are being induced to withdraw their candidature.

Mysore District:

Messrs: Sahucar Channiah, T.S. Rajagopala Iyengar, P. Seetharamiah, M.N. Jois, A. Ramanna, A. Shivanna, T. Mariappa and Srimathi Sunanda Devi have been elected as members for the ensuing A.M.C.C.

Chitaldrug District:

Consequent on the withdrawal of Mrs. Indiramma Bheemappa Naik from her candidature to the Representative Assembly ~~election~~ from the Chitaldrug Women's Constituency, Mrs. Seshamma Singra Iyengar, a congress candidate is elected unopposed.

PROPAGANDA

Bangalore City:

Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddi is reported to be moving about in the City requesting prominent merchants to donate money for the Civil Defence purposes.

Bangalore District:

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam laid the foundation-stone for the construction of "Nehru Nagar" on 4-3-42 at Thittamaranahalli for holding the fifth Congress Session from the 27th instant and exhorted the gathering to help the congress.

The Reception Committee is busy making arrangements and collecting funds for the fifth Congress session and Mr. V. Venkatappa, President of the said Committee visited Kanakanahalli and other places for collecting funds.

Kadur District:

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam arrived at Chikmagalur on 1-3-42 at the request of Mr. B.P. Basappa Setty of Aldur in connection with the ensuing election to the Mysore Legislative Council and went to Bettagere along with Messrs: Basappa Setty and T. Subramanyam to induce Mr. B. Krishna Bhatta to withdraw his candidature to the Legislative Council in favour of the congress candidates Messrs: K.T. Sathyanarayana Setty and T.C. Basappa. Mr. Krishnabhatta is reported to have refused to withdraw.

Chitaldrug District:

Mr. H. Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress, is touring in Chitaldrug District along

with some prominent congress leaders viz., Messrs: S. Nijalingappa, S. Vasudeva Rao and others from 27-2-42 holding a number of propaganda meetings. At Davanagere he was presented with an address by the members of the Trades Association on 28-2-42 and Mr. Kasalu Srinivasa Setty, a prominent local congressman presented him a purse containing Rs.251/- at a public meeting held in the evening. At the several meetings addressed during their tour, Mr. Siddiah and others condemned the action of the Mysore Government in having prosecuted Messrs: H.C. Dasappa and T. Siddalingiah, explained the attitude of the congress towards the War effort and exhorted the people to unite under the banner of the congress and thus strive to get responsible government.

District Board members and congress members of Chitaldrug Municipality intend giving a civic address to Mr. H. Siddiah on 9-3-42, in the District Board Hall, Chitaldrug, to take him in procession in important streets and to present him with a purse in a public meeting.

Kolar District:

Under the auspices of the Kolar Town Congress Committee, a public meeting was held at Kolar on 3-3-42 in connection with the ensuing elections for the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council under the presidentship of Mr. T. Ramachar. The speakers namely Messrs: N.C. Thimma Reddi, N.C. Nagiah Reddi, K. Sampangiramiah, K. Changalaraya Reddi, K. Pattabhiraman, K.R. Sreenivasan, Y.R. Gangi Reddi, M. Ramakrishniah and the president referred among other matters to the general condition due to war and exhorted the audience numbering about 100 to vote for congress candidates.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Bangalore City:

On 1-3-42 a public meeting with Mr. K.T. Bhashyam as president was held under the auspices of the City Congress Committee, at Chintalapalli Venkatamuniah's Choultry to draw up proposals for Civic Defence in case of air-raids. The president and Messrs: K. Shankaranarayana Rao, B.K. Garudachar, P. Seetharamiah, K. Shamaraja Iyengar, N.C. Thimma Reddy, A.G. Ramachandra Rao and P. Subbarama Chetty explained to the audience the duty of citizens in view of the apprehended dangers of air-raid.

A Civil Defence Committee for the City was formed with the president of the City Municipality as chairman, Mr. V.S. Narayana Rao as convenor and some others as committee members.

At a meeting of the District organisers convened by Mr. Thimma Reddi in connection with A.R.P., Mr. Thimma Reddi appears to have given his programme and also his scheme for storage of grain etc. in villages.

MUSLIM LEAGUE

Bangalore City:

On 1-3-42, a meeting of the State Muslim League Council was held with Khan Saheb Mohamed Sheriff as president in the 'Millia Buildings', Avenue Road,

Bangalore City. Resolutions expressing co-operation with the A.R.P. measures of Government, to approach Government for increasing Muslim representatives in Govt. service and to open some more branches of the League are reported to have been passed.

HINDU MAHASABHA

Shimoga District:

On 26-2-42, a public meeting under the auspices of the Hindu Mahasabha was held at Shimoga with Mr. Bhoopalam Chandrasekhara Setty as president, Mr. Guluvaid Narayana Rao, a Hindu Mahasabha worker of Hubli, spoke on the principles of the Sabha and exhorted the audience to be united. The president stressed on the necessity of safe-guarding internal security and appealed to the public to enrol themselves as volunteers of the Sabha in order to safeguard the life and property in times of danger. The meeting was poorly attended.

On 28-2-42, a similar public meeting was held at R Ramanna Setty Park, Shimoga, with Mr. Guluvadi Narayana Rao as president. Mr. Vishakanta Rao of Mysore recited lavanies relating to Mr. Savarkar's biography etc. and Mr. Narayana Rao made a short speech about the causes for the present war and exhorted the Hindus and Muslims to be united.

LABOUR AGITATION

Bangalore City:

The Bangalore Press Labour Association held a public meeting in Anjaneyaswami temple, Chamarajapet, on 28-2-42 under the presidentship of Mr. N. Kesava Iyengar to survey the work done by the association and to chalk out the future programme.

The publicity officer of the Textile Labour Union has called for the meeting of the secretaries of registered labour associations in Bangalore City on 8-3-42 under the presidentship of Mr. Bhashyam to agitate for bringing into force the provisions of Sec. 9 of the Labour Act.

Kadur District: The All Mysore Spinners' Association

Mr. B.M. Seenappa, a political suspect of Bangalore City arrived at Chikmagalur on 2[illegible]-3-42 to canvass members for the All Mysore Spinners' Association, Bangalore, and to open a branch there. On 4-3-42, a private meeting attended by Messrs: B.M. Seenappa, B.P. Basappa Setty, Bagamane Dyave Gowda, Narayana Naik, Narasimha murthi and Venkataramiah of Khadi Vasthralaya was held in the Musafirkhana, Chikmagalur, in connection with the opening of a branch of the above association at Chikmagalur. They are said to have resolved to call for the congress volunteers (band set) of Shimoga to conduct "Prabhat Pheri" in all important places in Kadur District.

Shimoga District:

The Steel Plant labourers of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi, are reported to have approached the General Manager to give them "heat allowance" and the latter appears to have promised to provide them with coffee from 1-3-42.

On representation madd by the Brick Plant Coolies, the Secretary of the Mysore Iron & Steel Works, is reported to have sent a letter to the General Manager on 2-3-42 requesting him that they may be converted into daily wage staff. The General Manager seems to have informed that a separate committee consisting of the representatives of the association have to be appointed to settle the matter.

The demands made by the Paper Mills Labour Association, Bhadravathi, are left unsettled. Mr. Seshagiri Sastry, Secretary of the association, is giving hopes to the other members that he would see to the establishment of an Arbitration Court to settle the demands.

Kolar Gold Field:

On 1-3-42, a meeting of the Mysore Mine Labour Association was held with Mr. P.R.K. Sharma as president. About 1,000 labourers attended. Mr. Sharma observed during the course of his speech that though Mr. Matthan's report had not been published his recommendations had actually been given effect to and that he was corresponding with the Government and the Mining authorities regarding the other privileges demanded by the workers. Mr. Sharma addressed two more meetings - one held by the Nandidroog Mine labourers on 2-3-42 and another by the Mysore Mine labourers on 3-3-42 and made similar observations. He also announced that Messrs: V.V. Giri and Kalappa had been invited to visit K.G.F.

A General Body meeting of the Champion Reef Labour Association was held on 1-3-42 with Mr. K. Changalaraya Reddi as president, who explained to the labourers (500 in number) about the present war and advised them to join the Congress and fight for in defence. He also explained to them the action taken by the Sangham regarding the demands made by them.

Govindarajulu of the Champion Reef Mine who was assaulted by Mr. Hudson on 23-2-42 is reported to have been paid for the day and sent home by the Mining authorities. The question of his reinstatement is said to have been not yet settled.

At a meeting held under the auspices of the Lokamanya Bala Gangadhar Tilak Walibhar Sangham at Andersonpet on 4-3-42, Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar of Kuppam expressed sympathy with the workers of Russia and accused the British of adopting a 'divide and rule policy' in India.

HOLI FEAST

Bangalore District:

The Hindus at Kanakanahalli do not intend taking out ' Kama and Rati ' in procession in connection with scattering of ashes until their grievances regarding the question of allowing disguises during procession is settled by the Law - Minister whom they intend approaching.

Similarly the Hindus at Magadi do not want to take out 'Kama and Rati ' in procession until they get grievances redressed satisfactorily by the District Magistrate.

MISCELLANEOUS

- K.C.R. YOUTH LEAGUE, ROBERTSONPET -

A meeting of the League was held on 2-3-42 under the presidentship of Mr. L. Sundararaja Iyengar of Kuppam who explained to the audience the part to be played by the youths of India and quoted the example of DeValera who fought for the independence of Ireland.

K.G.F. TEMPERANCE FEDERATION.

Under the auspices of the Federation a meeting was held on 4-3-42 in the D.C.M. School, Robertsonpet, under the presidentship of Mr. T.H. Prisk. Mr. R.R. Keithahn, representative of the Mysore State Temperance Federation, Bangalore, Messrs: P.R.K. Sharma and T. Ramachandra about the evils of drink and encouraged the use of khaddar to relieve poverty.

VISITORS

Mrs. Mani Ben Kara, Vice-president of the Indian Federation of Labour, Secretary of the National Democratic Union and a prominent member of the Radical Democratic Party arrived in Bangalore on 5-3-42. Mr. N.N. Chandur, organiser of Radical Democratic Party in Bangalore, and Mr. Ram Mohan of the Government Porcelain Factory visited her at Hotel Brindavan. Mr. K.S. Ramachandrasetty also had a talk with her. She is expected to address a meeting on 6-3-42 near the Binny's Mills on ' War and Labour' and to deliver a lecture on "The necessity of Fighting Fascism" in the Intermediate College Lecture Hall on 7-3-42.

EXTERNEES

Mr. A.Z. Sheriff, on release from Belgaum Central Prison, is reported to have gone to Akka Tangernal village in Gokak Taluk, Belgaum District.

Lingiah who was granted permission by the District Magistrate, Bangalore, to visit Bangalore in connection with the funerals of his brother, came to Bangalore on 1-3-42 and left for Malavally on 3-3-42.

Externees Anandamurthy and Krishna Bhatta are reported to be at Mysore and Mangalore respectively.

Externee K.S. Ramachandra Setty returned to Bangalore from Tumkur on 2-3-42.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,
March 9, 1942.

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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Yours sincerely,

Major A.E.H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Yours sincerely,

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Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of
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E.G.B. PEEL, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of
Police in Mysore.

BANGALORE,
March 14, 1942.

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Dear Mr. Mehkri,

I enclose for the information of Government the Political Weekly Report, in duplicate, for the week ending March 14, 1942.

Yours sincerely,

M.G. MEHKRI, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Mysore.

THE POLITICAL WEEKLY REPORT

(For the week ending March 14, 1942)

CONGRESS MOVEMENT

Mr. T. Subramanyam of Tumkur has been elected President of the Mysore Congress for the ensuing year.

As arrangements for holding the next session of the Congress are still incomplete, the Reception Committee have decided to postpone the session from the last week of this month to the first week of next month.

LABOUR

Bangalore City: In pursuance of a scheme to start a Literacy Campaign among the working classes, the Labour Union, Bangalor opened a Night School at Srirampuram on the 6th instant.

At a meeting of the secretaries and assistant secretaries of the several Labour Associations in the State held at Bangalore with Mr. Malavalli Veerappa as president, it was resolved to request the Government to bring into force immediately Section 9 of the Labour Act, 1942,(requiring the employer to furnish the Labour Commissioner with a copy of the Standing Orders governing his relationship with the employees, etc.).

Hassan: As a protest against the refusal of the authorities to grant a dearness allowance, about 60 - 70 workers of the Mysore Implements Factory, Hassan, struck work on the 3rd instant, but they resumed work on the 10th on being advised by the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mysore, to form a labour association and to make their demands constitutionally.

Shimoga District: At a meeting held on the 5th instant, the executive committee of the Paper Mills Labour Association at

Bhadravathi decided to demand a court of arbitration to settle their differences with the authorities. Mr.Seshagiri Sastri, the Secretary of the association, is busy collecting subscriptions to meet the expenses of the court.

Kolar Gold Field:

Addressing a meeting of the Brick-making Factory Labour Association held on the 8th instant, Mr. L. Sundararaja Iyengar (near-communist of Kuppam) observed that the last strike fetched them an increase of one anna in their daily wages and suggested that they might get a similar increase in the event of another strike.

At a meeting held under the auspices of the Desi Walibhai Sangham on the 5th instant, Mr. Vajravelu Setti of Kuppam observed that, while there was no difference between the rich and the poor in Russia, the capitalists in India were all too powerful. He added that the strike was the only method by which they could remove this distinction.

VISITORS

Bangalore City:

Mrs. MANI BEN KARA, Vice-president of the Indian Federation of labour and Secretary of the National Democratic Union, Bombay, addressed a meeting of the students of the Intermediate College, Bangalore, on the 7th instant and spoke on the necessity of fighting Fascism.

She left Bangalore for Bombay on the next day.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

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M.G. MEHKRI, Esquire, B.A., LL.B.,

Chief Secretary to the Govt.of His Highness The Maharaja of Mysore, BANGALORE.

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I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government, in triplicate, the Special Branch Abstract No. 11/42 for the week ending Saturday, the 14th March 1942.

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I have the honour to be,
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Your most obedient servant,

U.K. Somappa.

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.....**District.**

For week ending.....March 14, ...1942...

The following matters should be reported on :—

(*a*) Political.
(*b*) Social and Economic.
(*c*) Religious.
(*d*) Government Officers.
(*e*) Foreigners.
(*f*) Press.
(*g*) Agrarian unrest.
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(*i*) Drama and Cinemas.
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K. S. Somappa.
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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 14th March 1942.

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POLITICAL

Congress Movement

PERSONNEL

Mr. T. Subramanyam is reported to have been elected unopposed as President of the Mysore Congress for the ensuing year.

Mr. H. Siddiah is ascertained to interview the Dewan on the 20th instant.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

The Civil Defence Committee appointed by the Congress met on the 9th instant and formed various sub-committees for promotion of the scheme.

It is learnt that the congress has proposed to invite Srimathi Krishna Bai Pandigar, Vice-president of the Karnataka Congress Committee or Mrs. Nagamma of Hubli to open the Mysore Women's Conference to be held along with the Congress Session and Bellari Siddamma to preside as they are not quite sure of securing the presence of Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit.

Bangalore District:

At a meeting of the Reception Committee held at Channapatna on 10-3-42, it was decided to postpone the session of the All Mysore Congress ~~Committee~~ to the convention first week of April 1942 on account of the arrangements being incomplete.

Mr. V. Venkatappa accompanied by Messrs: Thimmarayappa of Doddappanahalli, Solur Siddappa and Sowcar Naranappa is touring in the District and collecting funds for the ensuing Congress Session.

Kadur District:

It is reported that Mr. H. Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress, will tour in the district from 12-3-42 to 18-3-42 along with Mr. K.T. Bhashyam and Mrs. Yesodhara Dasappa in connection with the ensuing bye-elections.

Messrs: B.P. Basappa Setty and Bagamane Dyavegowda visited Aldur and Birur and Mr. C.V. Dhruva Rao visited Birur and Tarikere to canvass votes for the congress candidates in the ensuing bye-elections.

At a meeting of the Mysore Congress Working Committee held at Birur on 12-3-42 it was decided to hold the session of the A.M.C.C. on the 6th, 7th and 8th of April 1942.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Bangalore City.

A public meeting was held under the presi-

-dency of Mr.K. Hanumanthiah in Venkata Muniah's Choultry on 11-3-42 with the object of discussing and adopting the scheme prepared by Messrs: S.N. Gupta and M.A. Gopala -swami Iyengar with regard to the Civil Defence measures.

The City Congress Committee met on 8-3-42 and discussed about the proposed subjects to be sent up for discussion in the A.I.C.C. Session.

Kadur District:

A public meeting in connection with the observance of ' Jamnalal Bajaj's Day ' was held at Chikmagalur on 11-3-42 with Mr. B.P. Basappa Setty as president. Messrs: C.V. Dhruva Rao, Nadigar Krishnamurthy of Shimoga, B.K. Narasimhamurthi (Lawyer, Chikmagalur), B. N. Boranna Gowda(Hassan), T. Sitharamiah (Chikmagalur) and K. Pattabhiraman (Kolar), addressed the gathering (about 100 persons) about the qualities and sacrifices of the late Mr. Bajaj. Mr. Pattabhiraman inaugurated the election campaign on behalf of the congress and exhorted the audience to vote for the congress.

Chitaldrug District:

Mr. H. Siddiah, Congress President, continued his propaganda tour in the District till 10-3-42 on which date he left for Shimoga. 44 places were visited by him and public meetings had been arranged in those places - only in prominent places like Davanagere, Chitaldrug and Harihar the gathering was more than 200. In seven places namely at Davanagere, Jagalur, Chikbennur, Yelagodu, Ganganakatte, Mayakonda and Chitaldrug, addresses were presented to him and in 18 places he was taken in procession either in car or in double bullock-cart. In two or three places he was taken in procession in a chariot with music. In a few places he visited,pandals and welcome arches had been put up. At Chitaldrug, the members of the Town Municipal Council and the District Board presented addresses. In all a sum of Rs.1,050/- was collected for the Congress funds. During the tour, Mr. Siddiah was accompanied by Messrs: S. Nijalingappa and A. Vasudeva Rao, President and Secretary of the District Congress Committee respectively and one Mayakonda Govindappa, a reciter of congress lavanies. Mr. K. Pattabhiraman, General Secretary of the Mysore Congress joined the party at Hosadurga on 7-3-42.

The speeches were delivered on the usual strain and the speakers generally criticised the administration as irresponsive and alleged that the salaries of officers were heavy. Mr. Siddiah invariably alleged that the State was backward in education, social and political reforms when compared to the other States. The action of the Chitaldrug Deputy Commissioner under the Municipal Act in respect of the resolutions passed by some Municipalities for presenting addresses to Mr. Siddiah was also criticised.

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Election Propaganda meetings.

On 8-3-42, the local congress inaugurated the election campaign for the ensuing Legislative Council elections at Goribidanur with Mr. K. Sampangiramiah as President. Messrs: K.T. Bhashyam and N.C. Thimma Reddi exhorted the gathering (about 200 persons) to vote for the congress candidates namely Messrs: Balakrishnian, Nagiah Reddi and Venkatasami Reddi.

Similar public meetings were held in the following places on the dated mentioned and the speakers noted against the respective places exhorted the audience to vote for the congress.-

Date.	Place.	Speakers
9-3-42.	Malur	Messrs: Subbiah Setty, N.C. Thimma Reddi, C.K. Balakrishnan & Srimathi Annapurna Devi.
10-3-42	Narasapur	Do. and Mr. Krishnachar of Malur.
9-3-42	Chickballapur.	Messrs: Sampangiramiah, Sampathkumaran and Malavalli Veerappa.
10-3-42.	Kolar.	Messrs: N.C. Thimma Reddi, C. K. Balakrishnan, T.Ramachar and Srimathi Annapurnadevi.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

On 6-3-42, a Night school for labourers was opened at Sreerampuram in pursuance of the ' Literacy Campaign ' proposed by Mr. Bhashyam. It is also proposed to open similar schools in areas densely populated by labourers.

Messrs: K.T. Bhashyam and D. Venkatesh addressed the workers of the ' Bangalore Chemicals ' on 6-3-42, and advised them to agitate for bringing into force the provisions of Sec. 9 of the Labour Act.

The Management of the Mysore Mills is reported to be enrolling volunteers for A.R.P. Work on an allowance of Rs.6-4-0 and Mr. Bhashyam is learnt to have advised the workers through President Munisamy not to enroll themselves with a view to strengthen the organisation started by the congress.

At a meeting of the secretaries and assistant secretaries of the several labour associations registered in the State held on 8-3-42 with Mr. Malavalli Veerappa as President, it was resolved to urge upon the Government to bring into force Sec. 9 and Schelue A of the Labour Act.

There is a move to call for a conference of the Secretaries, Presidents and other executive members of the several registered Labour Associations in the State on 22-3-42 at Bangalore.

The Mysore Motor Transport Workers' Union.

Bangalore City:

The fifth Annual meeting was held on 8-3-42 with Mr. L.S. Raju as President. Annual accounts were read and passed and routine matters were discussed.

Mr. Bhashyam is reported to have drafted an appeal on behalf of the workers of Muddiah's Silk Throwing Factory requesting for contribution for the relief of thrown out workers.

The Bangalore Press Labour Association passed

a resolution urging for bringing into force the provisions of Sec. 9 of the Labour Act.

The T.R. Mills Labour Association passed a resolution on 9-3-42 urging for payment of dearness allowance.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bangalore Chemicals Labour Association held on 11-3-42 resolutions urging for dearness allowance, and for bringing into force Sec. 9 of the Labour Act were passed.

Similar resolutions were also passed at a meeting of the executive committee of Sree Rama Silk Throwing Factory, held under the presidentship of Mr. Bhashyam on 13-3-42.

It is reported that a notice has been sent to the Manager, Mysore Spinning Mills, regarding the reinstatement of Puttiah, dismissed employee, under Sec. 10 and sub-section 2 of the Mysore Labour Act.

Hassan District:

As a protest against the refusal of authorities to grant dearness allowance about 60 - 70 workers of the Mysore Implement Factory, Hassan, struck work on 3-3-42 but they resumed work on the 10th on the advice of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mysore, to form a Labour association and to make their demands in a constitutional manner.

At a meeting of the workers held on 11-3-42 an association was formed by them with Mr. Kenge gowda as president and Messrs: Thammiah, Thirumalachar, G. George and Chikke gowda as vice-president, Secretary and Asst. Secy. and cashier respectively.

Shimoga Dist.

Mr. B. M. Seenappa, Secretary of the All Mysore Spinners Association, Bangalore City, went to Shimoga on 11-3-42 and at a private meeting held under the auspices of the Khadi Lovers Association, Shimoga, on the same day, he appealed for co-operation in securing members for the Spinners' Association.

At a meeting held on the 5th instant the Executive Committee of the Paper Mills Labour Association at Bhadravathi decided to demand a Court of Arbitration to settle their differences with the authorities. Mr. Seshagiri Sastri, Secretary of the Association, is busy collecting subscriptions to meet the expenses of the Court.

Kolar Gold Field:

On 5-3-42, a meeting of the Labourers of the Oorgaum Mine Association and a meeting of the labourers of the Mysore Mine Association were held and Mrs. Sharma addressed the labourers to be united and to pay their subscriptions regularly. Similarly at a meeting of the labourers held at Chellappa's Block on 7-3-42, she exhorted the labourers to be united and join the Sangham and stated that she would fight for freedom of women.

On 8-3-42, at a meeting of the labourers of Brick-making Factory Association, Mr. L. Sundararaja Iyengar observed that the last strike fetched them an increase of one anna in their daily wages and suggested that they might get a similar increase in the event of another strike.

Similar meetings were held on the 9th and 10th instant by the labourers of the Nandidroog and Oorgaum Mines Associations. Messrs:TLA. Acharya and Ramachandra advised them to be united and stated that they were fighting for their cause.

At a meeting held under the auspices of the Desi Walibhar Sangham on the 5th instant with Mr. L.Sundararaja Iyengar as president, Mr. Vajravelu Setty of Kuppam observed that while there was no difference between the Rich and the poor in Russia,'the capitalists in India were all too powerful' and that strike was the only method by which the distinction could be removed.

The Adidravida Union, K.G.F. - Meetings under the auspices of the Union were held on 7-3-42, 8-3-42, 9-3-42 and 10-3-42 in connection with the upliftment of the community and removal of untouchability. The speakers - Messrs: T.R. Rajasekharan, Adimoolam, Munisami, Subramanya,, V.R. Raju, Gangadharan and Krishnan advised the Adidravidas to organise themselves like the Muslim League and the Hindu Mahasabha and fight for their cause.

MISCELLANEOUS

' China Day ' was observed on 7-3-42 throughout the State and appeal was made to liberally subscribe for funds in aid of China.

K.C.R. YOUTH LEAGUE, ROBERTSONPET.

A public meeting of the members of the league was held at Robertsonpet on 10-3-42 with Mr. L. Sundararaja Iyengar as president. About 500 persons had gathered. The president criticised the Britishers as ruling by divide and rule policy and exhorted the youths to come forward to serve the country.

VISITORS.

Mrs. Mani Ben Kara delivered a lecture on 'The necessity of Fighting Fascism ' in the Intermediate College Lecture Hall, Bangalore, on 7-3-42. Earlier in the day, she had talks with some students to whom she spoke on the internatinnal situation and advocated fighting Fascism. During her stay in Bangalore, Mr. N.N. Chandur discussed with her about calling for an anti-Fascist Conference at Bangalore. Mrs. Kara left for Bombay on the 8th instant.

EXTERNEES.

Mr. K.S. Ramachandra Setty, externee from Shimoga Dist. has issued a notice drafted by Mr. Nittur Srinivasa Rao to Govt. claiming damages for the loss sustained by him on account of the externment order. He also intends filing a test suit against the Govt.

N.D. Shankar, externee from Bangalore Dist. and a detenu was transferred from the Dist. Lock-up, Chikmagalur, to the Hassan Dist. Lock-up on 8-3-42.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,
March 16, 1942.

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

18th March

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Rajasabhabhushana
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Private Secretary to His Highness
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E. G. B. PEEL, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

BANGALORE
March 28, 1942.

Dear Mr Mehkri

I enclose for the information of Government the Political Weekly report in duplicate for the week ending Saturday, March 28, 1942.

Yours
E. G. B. Peel

M.G. MEHKRI, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Mysore.

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(For the week ending March 28, 1942).

CONGRESS MOVEMENT

The next meeting of the Working Committee of the Mysore Congress is to be held on the 30th instant at Bangalore.

Mr. N.N. Chandur, the Organiser of the Radical Democratic Party, intends to summon an Anti-Fascist conference at Bangalore.

The majority of the congress candidates who contested the recent bye-elections to the Legislative Council and representative Assembly were successful.

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam has sent a telegram to Sir Stafford Cripps asking him to consider the State Peoples' problem along with the Indian Political situation.

LABOUR

Bangalore City: At a meeting of the executive members of the various Labour Associations in the State held on the 22nd instant at Bangalore, Mr. K.T. Bhashyam stressed the need for federating all the associations in the State and suggested that a conference of labourers should be held at Bangalore in the first week of May. A resolution deman ing the withdrawal of all orders imposing restrictions on labour leaders was also passed.

At a meeting of the Mysore Mines Labour Association held on the 24th instant, some members suggested that suitable action should be taken against the authorities since they had not yet granted their demands.

Consequent on the reduction of the annual increment from 6 pies to 3 pies, there seems to be some discontent among the workers of the Folding Department of the Mysore

Spinning and Weaving Mills. They are reported to be pressing their claims through their labour association.

Kolar Gold Field:

On the 23rd morning a Tamil manuscript notice was found affixed to a tree near the Henry Shaft Lines, warning all labourers to curtail their expenditure and to stock sufficient food-stuffs for 2 months, as there was a likelihood of a strike in the near future.

PROHIBITORY ORDERS.

In a Notification dated 24th March 1942, the District Magistrate, Shimoga, has extended his order under section 39 of the Mysore Police Act banning public meetings in Bhadravathi town and within a radius of 5 miles for a further period of two months.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES.

The marginally noted students were prosecuted under Rule 8 of the Defence of India Rules for entering the Prisoners of War Camp - a protected area - without permits on the 13th instant and were sentenced to undergo imprisonment till the rising of the Court and to pay a fine of Rs.10/- each by the First Class Magistrate, Prisoners of War Camp.

1. Jayarama Iyer
2. C. Ranganatha Rao
3. Rameswara Rao

Abdul Jaleel, Krishnaswami and Abdul Masjid - employees of Messrs: Abdul Satter & Sons, Contractors, P.O.W. Camp No. 2, are being prosecuted under rules 91 & 98 of the Defence of India Rules for dealing in foreign exchange in the P.O.W. Camp.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE
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